

Besselsleigh Wood Group

Constitution

Scope

The area referred to by the term 'Besselsleigh Wood' is agreed to be that represented by the to the marked area on the map in Appendix A (Colin Finlay FC Map, and held by the Secretary).

Aims

To maintain and enhance Besselsleigh Wood for the benefit of future generations by contributing to the sustainable management of Besselsleigh Wood in order to optimise the mix of nature conservation, production of timber and wood products; and its use as a community resource and public amenity.

Objectives

- To assist the statutory authorities with the writing and operation of a robust and comprehensive management plan for Besselsleigh Wood.
- To encourage use of the woods as a renewable resource, contributing to a sustainable low carbon local economy.
- To encourage access for all to Besselsleigh Wood by the maintenance and improvement of paths, gateways and bridges.
- To encourage education to take place in the woods; about woodland ecology, the woodland history and about forestry.
- To monitor and support the rich, natural fauna and flora of Besselsleigh Wood.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the Aims and Objectives. There will be an annual membership fee as decided by the Committee.

Officers

A management committee will be elected annually, consisting of a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, and a minimum of two other committee members.

Meetings

Meetings will be held as and when required. Adequate notice of meetings must be given (e.g. in The Appleton Advertiser).

Quorum

All meetings will be quorate for the purpose of decision making, when 5 or more members are present.

Finance

An account will be held with a clearing bank as decided by the Committee. One officer may sign cheques up to £250; above this amount two signatures (from three officers) will be required. The Treasurer will publish annual reports.

Record of meetings

A record of each meeting will be circulated.

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The Constitution may be altered by a two-thirds majority vote of members only at an Annual General Meeting, and when publicised to members at least 3 weeks in advance.

Dissolution

The group may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority vote of members at an Extraordinary General Meeting called by the group officers for that specific purpose. Any remaining funds will be transferred to an appropriate organisation of the Committee's choice.

Agreed at an Annual Meeting, 16th November 2010. Appleton, and amended at the Annual General Meeting on 2nd March 2017.