

Nether Edge and Sharrow Sustainable Transformation (NESST)

Constitution

November 2021



NESST, Nether Edge and Sharrow Sustainable Transformation, is a common endeavour by the community of Nether Edge and Sharrow to watch over, maintain and improve our urban environment.

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CONSTITUTION

1. Name

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2. Aims

- i. Raise awareness in the community (Nether Edge and Sharrow and its environs) of the challenges of the climate crisis.
- ii. Preserve and enhance the biodiversity of the local area.
- iii. Build community resilience through being more self-reliant.
- iv. Enable the community to develop a more localised future.
- v. Work/liaise with other organisations that have similar objectives.

3. Membership

- i. Membership of NESST (hereafter referred to as ‘the Association’) is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes, and who, by applying for membership, has indicated their agreement to become a member.
- ii. There is no membership fee.
- iii. Application for membership is made through an application form on the Association’s website or by hard copy, confirmed by the Committee.
- iv. Membership comes to an end if:
 - The Member sends a notice of resignation to the Committee,
 - Any sum of money owed by the member to the Association is not paid in full within six months of its falling due,
 - The member dies, or
 - It is decided by the Committee that it is in the best interests of NESST that the member in question should be removed from membership due to acts that contravene the rules included in this Constitution. In such an instance the member should be given due warning and be given the opportunity to represent themselves before a final decision is made.

4. Equalities

The Association is committed to treating all people equally and with respect, irrespective of their age, disability, physical or intellectual ability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

5. Accessibility

When and where possible, efforts will be made to enable access to meetings, communications and events to individuals who have particular needs.

6. General Meetings

- i. There must be an annual general meeting (AGM) of the members of the Association.
- ii. The first AGM must be held within 18 months of the formation of the Association and subsequent AGMs are to be held at intervals of not more than 15 months.
- iii. The AGM must receive an annual Statement of Accounts and an Annual Report by the Committee.
- iv. The AGM elects the officers who form the Committee.
- v. General meetings (in addition to the AGM) to be called by the Committee giving at least 21 days' notice.
- vi. Decisions are made by members over 16 years of age by a simple majority through a show of hands.
- vii. The quorum for general meetings shall be 12.

7. The Committee

- i. A Committee of elected members, over the age of 18 and consisting of the Officers (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Equal Opportunities and Diversity Officer, and Education and Outreach Officer), oversees the running and day-to-day business of the Association.
- ii. The Committee may co-opt members or form sub-groups.
- iii. The quorum of the Committee is 2.

8. Finance

- i. The Association is a not-for-profit organisation and finance shall be raised by the Committee through fund raising events, donations, legacies or grants.
- ii. All money raised by the Association will be spent solely on the aims of the Association.
- iii. The Association will have a bank account with HSBC.
- iv. There will be three signatories (the Officers - Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer).
- v. Each transaction will require two signatures.
- vi. Records of income and expenditure will be maintained by the Treasurer and a Financial Statement given at each committee meeting.
- vii. An annual Statement of Accounts will be presented to the AGM.

9. Changes to the Constitution

The constitution of the Association can only be changed by a resolution given, of not less than 14 days' notice, at a general meeting voted on by a two-thirds majority of those attending and eligible to vote.

10. Voluntary Dissolution

The Association may be dissolved by a resolution given, of not less than 14 days' notice, at a general meeting voted on by a two-thirds majority of those attending and eligible to vote. Any remaining assets after all debts have been settled must be distributed to a not-for-profit or charitable organisation agreed by the Membership for purposes the same as or similar to those of the Association.

Date adopted: Monday 15th November 2021

Acting Chairperson: Mark James

Acting Treasurer: Joanna Millett

Acting Secretary: Paul Selby

Elected Chairperson: Paul Selby

Elected Treasurer: Joanna Millett

Elected Secretary: Helen Kemp

