

FARNHAM HUMANISTS – CONSTITUTION

Adopted at the AGM of 20th February 2005

- 1) **TITLE AND AIM.** The group shall be called "Farmham Humanists". The aim of the group shall be to promote Humanism, provide a community for the members and to act as a social organization in the wider community.
- 2) **MEMBERSHIP** Any person who agrees with the aim of the group may become a member on paying the annual subscription. The Executive committee may terminate the membership of or refuse to admit as a member any person whose conduct they consider to be inconsistent with the aim of the group.
- 3) **OFFICERS.** The officers shall be Chairman, Vice - chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. These shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the group. The Chairman shall not serve for more than three consecutive years.
- 4) **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** The Executive Committee (EC) shall consist of the officers and up to five members to be elected at the AGM. Any vacancy may be filled by the EC. The general business of the group shall be controlled and carried out by the EC whose meetings will be presided over by the Chairman or the Vice-chairman. It shall meet at least once every three months and at least 10 days' notice shall be given to committee members. A quorum shall be four members.
- 5) **GENERAL MEETINGS.** An AGM shall be held before the 1st of March each year. It shall receive audited accounts and the report of the EC for the year that ended on the previous 31st December. It shall elect officers of the group and members of the EC, and appoint an auditor. At least 21 days' notice shall be given to all members; nominations and notices of resolutions must be received by the secretary at least seven days before the meeting. A special general meeting may be called by the EC or shall, on receipt of a request signed by not fewer than 15% of the membership, be called by the Secretary within six weeks of receiving such a request. At least 21 days' notice shall be given to all members. Only business on the agenda shall be discussed at general meetings with the exception of AGMs. The quorum at all general meetings shall be 15% of the membership. In any dispute concerning the affairs of the group a general meeting shall be the final authority.
- 6) **FINANCE.** The income and property of the group shall be devoted to the promotion of the aim of the group. Officers and members of the EC may not receive payment for their service to the group, though their expenses may be reimbursed. In the event of the group having to be wound up, all funds shall go to the British Humanist Association after the payment of liabilities. The annual subscription to the group shall be set by the AGM. Cheques must be signed by two out of Chairman, Vice-chairman and Treasurer.
- 7) **CONSTITUTION.** Amendments to the constitution may only be considered at general meetings, and all members shall be informed at least 21 days in advance of the proposed amendments. To be carried such amendments shall require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.
- 8) **AFFILIATIONS.** The group shall seek affiliation to the British Humanist Association. Affiliation to other bodies may be made by resolution at a general meeting.