

ALDERLEY EDGE, WILMSLOW AND DISTRICT
FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION SOCIETY

RULES

1. NAME:- The Society shall be called the Alderley Edge, Wilmslow and District Footpaths Preservation Society.

- 2.. OBJECTS:- The objects of the Society shall be:-
 - a) To secure and maintain the free and uninterrupted use of all public rights of way, byways and other ways; to preserve all commons, village greens, waste lands, roadside strips and any other land subject to open space restrictions, particularly within the Society's area of North East Cheshire and the South of Greater Manchester.
 - b) To use all reasonable efforts to prevent the abuse of the public rights, especially trespass, damage to crops and property, disturbance of livestock by trespassers.
 - c) To assist Local Authorities, or other public bodies where deemed desirable and opportune, to secure right of way and rights over open spaces by purchase or otherwise, for the use and enjoyment of the public forever.
 - d) To promote arrangements with landowners for the opening, for use of the public, of places of natural beauty or open spaces and recreation grounds.
 - e) To obtain the observance of the appropriate Acts of Parliament and bye-laws etc.
 - f) To have recorded on O.S. Maps all public rights of way, common land and open spaces within the Society's area and to maintain the Society's maps containing such information.
 - g) To obtain the provision and maintenance of footbridges, finger posts and waymarkers, stiles on footpaths and gates on bridleways, etc.
 - h) To take such steps as may be necessary or desirable to accomplish the above objects or such other objects as may be akin thereto and either on its own account or in co-operation with other societies, bodies, or persons.

3. MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

- a) The Society shall consist of such individuals as accept the objects of the Society and have paid the annual subscription due from 1st April and at the last rate set by an Annual general Meeting. Due notice of any review of the annual subscription shall be included in the notice of the Meetings.
- b) The Society's General Committee shall have the power to take appropriate disciplinary action against any member and shall have the authority to terminate membership of any member guilty of conduct considered by them, the Committee, to be detrimental to the Society.

Prior to resolving to expel, the Committee shall provide a written notice of the alleged actions and a reasonable opportunity for the member to prepare their response.

Should expulsion follow, then the member may appeal to the Committee, by written notice, within one month. The appeal shall be heard at the first Committee meeting to be held 14 days after receipt of that notice. The member shall be reinstated if the majority of the Committee (present and voting at that meeting) agree.

4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS.

An Annual general Meeting of the Society shall be held on a date to be fixed by the Committee, when a report of the year's proceedings together with a statement of receipts and expenditure shall be submitted, the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year elected and any other business, appropriate to such a Meeting transacted. At least 21 days notice shall be given of the place and time appointed for the Annual general Meeting.

5. EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS.

Other meetings of the Society may be called by the President and also upon request, in writing, of ten members addressed to the Secretary specifying the purpose for which it is to be called. Seven days notice, at least, shall be given by the Secretary to Members of the holding of any such Meeting, with an indication of the business for which it is called.

6. GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The business of the Society not transacted during the Annual General Meeting shall be in the hands of a General Committee, elected annually and considering of the Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary, and not less than four other Members of the Society, with power to add to their number. The General Committee shall meet at least three times in every year.

7. ALTERATION OF RULES

These Rules may be rescinded, supplemented or altered by resolution passed, by a two-thirds majority of Members present and voting, in any Annual General Meeting of the Society, but not otherwise. The intention to propose such resolution shall be specified in the notice convening the Meeting.

8 MOTIONS AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (other than Alterations of Rules).

No motion other than a motion relating to the adoption of the report and statement of accounts or to other formal business shall be moved at the Annual General Meeting unless:-

- a) it is submitted to the Secretary in writing not less than six weeks before the date appointed for the Meeting, or
- b) it is moved on behalf of the Committee, or
- c) two-thirds of those present at the meeting and voting, agree that it should be considered as a matter of urgency.

No motion put to an A.G.M. will be approved by a simple majority of those voting and the Chairman of the Meeting may cast an additional vote at their discretion in the event of a tied vote.

9. QUORUM.

Ten members shall form a quorum at and Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary Meeting of the Society. At a Meeting of the General Committee the quorum shall be four Members.

10. PERSONAL LIABILITY/INDEMNITY CLAUSE.

Neither the Alderley Edge, Wilmslow and District Footpaths Society nor its officers, committee or walks' leader can accept any liability for loss, damage or injury incurred on any of the Group activities, howsoever caused.

REVISIONS OF THE SOCIETY'S RULES:-

The original rules were adopted in 1913.

The original rules were revised in 1946.

At the A.G.M., held on 16.04.1993, the revised Rules (items 1-9) were adopted.

At the A.G.M., held on 19.04.1995, Rule 10 was adopted.

At the A.G.M., held on 29.04.1999, Rule 9 was revised and adopted.

At the A.G.M., held on 04.05.2005, Rule 3b was adopted. This particular clause was added only at the request of the Society's insurance company.