

# Constitution

## **NAME**

The name of the group shall be Chester for Europe.

## **AIMS**

The aims of the group shall be to ensure that the United Kingdom remains in the EU as a full and active member.

## **POWERS**

To further these aims the group shall have power to:

- (a) Obtain, collect and receive money or funds by way of contributions, donations, grants and any other lawful method towards the aims of the group.
- (b) Associate local authorities, voluntary organisations and the residents of Chester and environs in a common effort to carry out the aims of the group.
- (c) Do all such lawful things as will further the aims of the group.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- (a) Voting membership shall be open to anyone over the age of 16 who supports the aims of the group.
- (b) The Chair shall have the power to approve or reject applications for membership or to terminate the membership of any member provided that the member shall have the right to be heard by the members at a general meeting before a final decision is made.
- (c) Any member leaving the group will ensure that all documents, papers, campaign materials, electronic passwords, instructions on access to data bases, financial information etc. will be made available to the remaining members of the group in a timely manner to enable its activities to continue unhindered

## **MANAGEMENT & MEETINGS**

- (a) All members shall be entitled to attend general meetings of the group which shall discuss the management and administration of the group.
- (b) There is a quorum at a general meeting if there are at least 5 members present.
- (c) Except where this constitution provides otherwise, every issue at a general meeting is determined by a simple majority of the votes cast by the members present in person.

(d) Except for the Chair, who has a second or casting vote, every member present in person is entitled to one vote on every issue.

(e) An Annual General Meeting shall be held within 12 months of the date of the adoption of this constitution and each year thereafter.

(f) At the Annual General Meeting the members shall elect a chair, secretary, treasurer and a Treasury Committee.

(g) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at time at the written request of at least 10 members.

(h) A proper record of all transactions and meetings shall be kept.

(e) Proposals to change the constitution must be given in writing to the Secretary at least 28 days before a general meeting and approved by a two thirds majority of those present and voting.

## ACCOUNTS

(a) The funds of the group including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the Treasury Committee. All cheques drawn on the account must be signed by at least two members of the Treasury Committee.

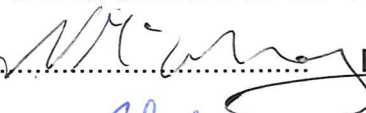
(b) The funds belonging to the group shall be applied only to further the aims of the group.

(c) A current record of all income, funding and expenditure will be kept.


## DISSOLUTION

(a) The group may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a simple two-thirds majority of those present and voting at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

(b) If confirmed, the Treasury Committee shall distribute any assets remaining after the payment of all bills to other charitable group(s) or organisation(s) having aims similar to the Group or some other charitable group serving Chester and its environs as the Group may decide.

Signed by Chair.....  Date..... 04/7/18.....

Signed by Secretary.....  Date..... 04/7/18.....

Signed by Treasurer.....  Date..... 4/7/18.....