

# Constitution – Frack Free Isle of Wight

## 1. TITLE

The organisation will be called ‘Frack Free Isle of Wight’.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

- To protect the Island and its surrounding areas from exploration and extraction of hydrocarbon fuels.
- To provide a forum for information on fracking and other hydrocarbon extraction techniques.
- To foster understanding of how hydrocarbon fuel extraction could affect the island.
- To provide a channel for feedback from the general public.
- To oppose applications to drill for hydrocarbon fuels on or around the Isle of Wight.
- To support local, national and global resistance to hydrocarbon exploration and extraction.

## 3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership shall be open to any individual or group who agrees with the aims of Frack Free Isle of Wight and pays any subscription set by a general meeting of the organisation.

3.2 Only members may participate in the decision making processes, one vote per individual or group. Members will nominate, vote for and appoint honorary officers and executive committee at the Annual General Meeting.

3.3 Equal Opportunities: The organisation will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, colour, ethnic or national origin, sexuality, disability, religious or political belief, age or marital status.

3.4 Membership may be terminated by majority decision of the Executive Committee of any individual or group acting in a manner detrimental to the objectives of Frack Free Isle of Wight.

3.5 Offensive behaviour, including racist, sexist or inflammatory remarks, or failure to adhere to the equal opportunities policy will not be tolerated. Anyone behaving in an offensive way may be asked not to attend further meetings, resign their membership of the group or have their membership revoked.

3.6 Any member wishing to speak, or produce any material, on behalf of the organisation must obtain prior approval from the executive committee and adhere to protocols regarding tone and fact checking.

## 4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4.1 The policy and general management of the affairs of the association shall be directed by an executive committee (hereinafter EC) which shall meet not less than twice a year and when complete shall consist of not less than 3 members. A quorum shall consist of 3 members.

4.2 The honorary officers of the association and other members of the EC shall be decided by the meeting at which this constitution is adopted and will hold office until the first Annual General Meeting (AGM). Thereafter Officers shall be decided by vote of the members at the AGM. Honorary officers shall include a Treasurer, Finance Approval Officers and Membership Secretary.

4.3. Honorary officers and other members of the EC shall hold office until the conclusion of the next AGM of the association after their election but shall be eligible for re-election.

4.4. Only members actively participating in promoting the objectives of the group shall be eligible to serve as honorary officers or members of the EC.

4.5. In addition to the members so elected and the honorary officers, the EC may co-opt further members to the EC in number not exceeding one third of the members elected by the AGM, being members of the association or representatives of organisational members. Co-opted members will serve until the conclusion of the next AGM after co-option.

4.6. Any casual vacancy in the EC may be filled by the EC. Any person appointed to fill such a casual vacancy shall hold office until the conclusion of the next AGM.

4.7. The proceedings of the EC shall not be invalidated by any failure to elect or any defect in the appointment of any member.

4.8. The EC may appoint such special or standing committees as may be deemed necessary by the EC and shall determine their terms of reference, powers, duration and composition. All acts and proceedings of such sub-committees shall be reported back to the EC as soon as possible.

4.9. A member of the EC shall cease to hold office if he or she is disqualified by virtue of mental disorder, illness or injury from managing their own affairs, resigns office by notice in writing, or ceases to be a member.

## **5. MEETINGS**

5.1 The full membership shall hold at least one meeting per year, the annual meeting.

5.2 The quorum for the meetings should not be less than 3 members.

5.3 Decisions will be made by majority vote, a single vote per member.

## **6. FINANCIAL**

6.1 The group will have the power to raise money by grants, donations, membership fees or other means. Monies raised by or on behalf of the group shall only be applied in furtherance of the objects of the group (i.e. a not for profit group).

6.2 No member of FFIOW will derive personal financial profit from any of its activities. Reasonable expenses may be reimbursed provided approval has been obtained from the Finance Committee.

6.3 The Treasurer shall have the power to open a bank account on behalf of the group and shall hold a debit card in the name of the group and the Treasurer. The Treasurer and a minimum of one other member who must not be a partner or relative for the protection of all concerned will be signatories for the account.

6.4 The Treasurer shall be empowered to pay, or delegate signatories to pay, agreed expenses incurred on behalf of the group. Payments will be made by the Treasurer pending approval by two other committee members.

## **7. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The constitution may be altered by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the votes cast at a general meeting. The notice of the general meeting sent at least 21 days in advance must include notice of the resolution, setting out the terms of the alteration proposed.

## **8. DISSOLUTION**

A decision to dissolve the group may be made at a General Meeting provided that a minimum of 21 days' notice of this resolution has been communicated to all members. In the event of dissolution, any remaining funds after all debts are paid shall be given to an organization with similar aims, or if this is not possible to a charitable cause, decided by a vote of the members.

This constitution was approved by the Executive Committee.

Officer signature (hardcopy signed by)

SECRETARY    JOHN MEDLAND

OUTREACH     SYLVIA MAY

The constitution was ratified at AGM 13th November 2018

