

## ***FRIENDS OF HEATON MOOR PARK***

## **Constitution**

The following topics are covered in the constitution:

- Aims
- Membership
- Management and Execution of affairs
- General Meetings
- Amendments to the Constitution
- Property



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1. The **Aims** of the Friends of Heaton Moor Park are to:
    - **Promote the enjoyment and management of Heaton Moor Park in perpetuity.**
    - **Protect the heritage value of Heaton Moor Park for the benefit of future generations.**
  
  2. **To fulfill these aims** the objectives of the group will be to:
    - **Represent** the local community
    - **Promote the upgrading** of the fabric of the Park in accordance with community wishes
    - **Involve the community** in the management planning of the park
    - **Raise funds** to assist with the improvement of the park
    - **Ensure that high standards of design and management** are utilised in connection with the park
    - **Work with Stockport MBC** to achieve the above.
  
  3. **Membership** is open to any person wishing to support the aims of the group, on payment of subscriptions determined from time to time by a General Meeting.
  
  4. **All members shall have voting rights** at General Meetings.
  
  5. The day to day running of the group will be undertaken by a small number of elected officers known as the **executive committee**. The executive committee will be **answerable to the members** and shall undertake the following:
    - **Coordinate** the work of the group
    - **Promote the aims** of the group, and liaise with outside interests
    - **Disseminate information** to members
    - **Maintain accounts** for approval at members meetings
    - **Promote membership** and maintain membership records
    - **Develop policy for action** in accordance with the wishes of the membership
    - **Approve expenditure** on special projects (see below)

6. **Projects** may be undertaken from time to time to promote the objects of the group e.g. events; funding applications; management working parties etc. Projects may be undertaken by non elected groups or individual members, under the direction and coordination of the executive committee.
7. The **executive committee will meet regularly** to discuss policy, work and progress. All members may attend meetings of the Executive Committee.
8. Subject to legal requirements, the **executive committee will have the power to purchase**, acquire, or take options over any part of Heaton Moor Park in pursuit of the furtherance of its aims.
9. An **Annual General Meeting** will be held between January and March each year. Business at that meeting will include:
  - **Adoption of executive committee reports** on the years business
  - **Adoption of accounts**
  - **Election of the executive committee** for the forthcoming year.
  - **Any other business** in furtherance of the Aims.
10. **This constitution**, after approval by the members, **may only be amended** by resolution passed by a two thirds majority of members present and voting at a specially convened meeting of which due notice has been given to all members.
11. **Any property acquired** by the Friends of Heaton Moor Park shall be **vested in** three persons appointed by the members of the group at a Special General Meeting, who will serve as **Trustees**.
12. **If the group**, by general consent of the members, **ceases to exist**, all assets shall pass to SMBC to be ring fenced for the improvement of Heaton Moor Park.