

Constitution of Teign Estuary Transition

An Unincorporated Not-For-Profit Association

Name - The Name of the Association shall be “Teign Estuary Transition” (hereinafter called TET).

Area - The initial area covered by TET shall be the Teign Estuary area.

Aims - The aims of TET will be-

(a) To raise awareness of the issues associated with the twin challenges of Peak Oil and Climate Change and the consequent need to develop a low carbon, low energy, sustainable future through ethical, social, cultural, economic, environmental and community action.

(b) To provide the membership, other groups and individuals, and the community at large with the encouragement and support necessary to make the transition to a low carbon, low energy, sustainable and ethical future, all in accordance with the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

Objectives - The Objectives for which TET is established are –

(a) To support and encourage local action on Peak Oil and Climate Change

(b) To support and work with other Transition Towns and similar community-led initiatives.

(c) To engage with other organisations, including statutory, voluntary and business where appropriate in pursuit of its aims and objectives.

(d) To create and help implement an Energy Descent Action Plan (EDAP)

Powers - In furtherance of these aims and objectives, TET may –

(a) Publish and distribute information

(b) Engage in, support and promote education and research

(c) Raise funds

(d) Run events

(e) Recruit volunteers

(f) Employ staff

(g) Buy or lease premises or equipment

(h) Enter into contracts

(i) Undertake any lawful trade, project or venture which could contribute to the delivery of the aims and objectives

(j) Participate in any other lawful activity that could help to deliver the stated aims and objectives

Membership - The members shall be subscribers to this constitution and individuals and organizations admitted without reference to wealth, politics, religion, sex, disability, age or sexual preference; who live, work or operate in the area described in rule two and who are in agreement with the stated aims and objectives.

Core Group -

- a. At the AGM a Treasurer and Secretary will be appointed
- b. The Treasurer and Secretary are elected for a period of one year. They will retire at the AGM but may be re-elected.
- c. Core group members may appoint roles to members to perform duties and may delegate powers as necessary.
- d. Members may appoint a Committee (or sub groups, working groups) to operate with delegated powers.

AGM -

- a. The AGM will be held not more than 15 months after the preceding AGM. The first AGM will be held within 18 months of formation.
- b. Members will be given at least 14 days notice of the date of the AGM
- c. The AGM will
 - hear reports from the core group and any sub groups
 - receive the Treasurer's Report
 - elect the Treasurer and Secretary for the forthcoming year.
- d. All members are entitled to vote. Voting shall be by a show of hands.

Special General Meeting - The Secretary may call a Special Meeting to resolve a serious problem or if a proposal is made to alter the constitution. 18 days notice will be given prior to a SGM

Amendments - The constitution can be amended with a majority vote at the AGM or an SGM called for the purpose.

Income/Expenditure -

This is the responsibility of the Treasurer and signatories to the Bank Account. Proper accounts shall be kept, tabled at the AGM. The accounting year shall run from 01 April to 31 March.

A bank account shall be opened in the name of TET and the signatures of two members from a total minimum number of 4 signatories will be needed for cheques to be drawn on the account. Expenditure of more than £100, should be agreed beforehand by all 4 signatories and ideally at a meeting open to all members.

Dissolution -

The organisation may be dissolved if deemed necessary by the members in a majority vote at an AGM or SGM. Funds and other assets remaining shall be distributed to other not for profit organizations or charities chosen by the members and having objectives similar to those of TT NA.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSCRIBE TO THIS CONSTITUTION –
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