

FRIENDS OF SOWERBY BRIDGE RAILWAY STATION

CONSTITUTION (JULY 2015)

1. The Group shall be called "Friends of Sowerby Bridge Railway Station".
2. The aims of the group are:
 - * To promote practical environmental works, especially by volunteers, for the benefit of the community and train passengers;
 - * To publicise and raise awareness of the benefits of 'green transport plans', the train, and attractions of the station area and its environs to increase station 'footfall';
 - * To encourage community involvement and ownership, particularly by young people and schools, in conservation, environmental and associated education art works, poetry, competition etc. at the station and its environs;
 - * To encourage local businesses to improve their own properties and in sponsoring environmental enhancement of the station area;
 - * To campaign for improved infrastructure facilities and services;
 - * To work in partnership with all stakeholders to achieve these aims.
3. To fulfill these aims the group will:
 - a) Undertake practical environmental conservation, recycling works and other activities as it sees fit.
 - b) Encourage partnerships with other like-minded groups to undertake such works.
 - c) Raise money/funding when necessary, including by means of awards, grants and sponsorship, for carrying out the aims of the group.
 - d) Publicise the activities and achievements.
4. The group's area of operation is the environs of the railway station and adjacent lands.
5. The organisation shall apply for membership of The Association of Community Rail Partnerships.
6. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in taking part in, or supporting, the works of the organisation.
7. The organisation shall hold a minimum of four meetings, including an AGM, each year to discuss policy and administration. All members shall be entitled to attend and the meetings shall be fully advertised, especially at the railway station.
8. A committee and sub-committees shall be appointed as required to conduct the administration of the organisation. This committee (which will include a

Chairperson (Convenor), Secretary and Treasurer) will be in charge of the day to day running of the organisation, but will be answerable to meetings of members

9. There shall be an annual subscription to help pay necessary expenses, to be fixed at a members' meeting at such a rate as is from time to time thought to be appropriate.

10. Accounts shall be kept by the treasurer, submitted to an independent inspection and approved at a members' meeting.

11. The organisation shall obtain any necessary insurance for volunteers on its projects and for injuries to third persons, and damage to property.

12. This constitution shall only be altered by consent of a majority of the members of the organisation.

13. The group may be wound up at any time if agreed by two-thirds of those present and voting at any general meeting. Any assets shall be returned to their providers, if they require it, or shall be passed to another group with similar aims.