

CONSTITUTION OF "NOGO GONDOLA"

ADOPTED ON:.....[Day/Month/Year].....

1. Name: The name of the Group shall be: "NoGo Gondola".
2. Aims: The aims of the Group are:
 - a. to prevent the construction of a Gondola base station in Thornthwaite (or nearby area) together with its associated cable ways and buildings throughout the Whinlatter Forest.
 - b. to prevent similar projects in Thornthwaite or nearby which, in the view of the group, threaten the peace and tranquility of the local area and the raison d'etre of the National Park and World Heritage inscription.

3. Powers: In order to achieve its aims, the Group's Officers' powers include but are not limited to:
 - a. Raise money.
 - b. Open bank accounts.
 - c. Take out insurance.

In addition all members may:

- d. Organise events.
- e. Lobby those responsible for decisions associated with the Gondola plans.
- f. Work with other groups and exchange information.
- g. Do anything that is lawful which will help it to fulfil its aims.

4. Membership:
 - a. Membership of the Group shall be open, without subscription to all who are willing to abide by the constitution of the group:
 - i. any individual but with the proviso that any person under the age of 18 must have prior parental approval to join.
 - ii. any organisation interested in helping the Group to achieve its aims.
 - b. Every individual member and each member organisation shall have one vote at General Meetings.
 - c. Each member organisation shall appoint a representative to attend meetings of the Group and notify the Group's Secretary of that person's name.
 - d. The Management Committee 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 Management Committee before a final decision is made.

5. Management:
 - a. The Group shall be administered by a Management Committee of the Officers and not more than three other members elected at the Group's Annual General Meeting (AGM). Up to 4 additional members may be co-opted onto the Committee at the discretion of the Committee.

- b. The Officers of the Management Committee shall be: the Chairperson, the Treasurer and the Secretary.
- c. The Management Committee shall meet at least four times a year.
- d. The Chairperson shall Chair meetings of the Group - this may be delegated to another committee member in the absence of the Chairperson.
- e. The quorum for Management Committee meetings shall be four members.
- f. Voting at Management Committee meetings shall be by show of hands. If there is a tied vote then the Chairperson shall have a second vote.
- g. The Management Committee may, by a two-thirds majority vote, and for good and proper reason remove any Committee member, provided that person has the right to be heard by the Management Committee before a final decision is made.
- h. The Management Committee may appoint another member of the Group as a Committee member to fill a vacancy provided the maximum number of Committee members is not exceeded.

6. Duties of the Officers:

- a. The duties of the Chairperson are to:
 - i. chair meetings of the Committee and the Group.
 - ii. represent the Group at functions/meetings that the Group has been invited to attend.
 - iii. act as spokesperson for the Group when necessary.
- b. The duties of the Secretary are to:
 - i. take and keep minutes of meetings.
 - ii. prepare the agenda for meetings of the Committee and the Group in consultation with the Chairperson.
 - iii. maintain the membership list.
 - iv. deal with correspondence.
 - v. collect and circulate any relevant information within the Group.
- c. The duties of the Treasurer are to:
 - i. supervise the financial affairs of the Group.
 - ii. keep proper accounts that show all monies collected and paid out by the Group.
 - iii. Each year obtain an Independent Examination of the accounts prior to the AGM

7. Finance:

- a. Any money obtained by the Group shall be used only for the Group.
- b. Any bank accounts opened for the Group shall be in the name of the Group.
- c. Any cheques issued shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other from the nominated officials. (Chairperson or Secretary)

8. Annual General Meeting:

- a. The Group shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year within two months of the anniversary of the adoption of this constitution.
- b. All members shall be given at least fourteen days' notice of the AGM and shall be entitled to attend and vote. The quorum for an AGM shall be ten members.
- c. The business of the AGM shall include:

- i. receiving a report from the Chairperson on the Group`s activities over the year.
- ii. receiving an Independently Examined report from the Treasurer on the finances of the Group.
- iii. electing a new Management Committee, and
- iv. considering any other matter as may be decided.

9. Special General Meeting:

- a. A Special General Meeting may be called by the Management Committee or by not less than one quarter of the membership to discuss an urgent matter. The Secretary shall give all members fourteen days` notice of any Special General Meeting together with notice of the business to be discussed. All members shall be entitled to attend and vote. The presence of 8 members at the meeting shall constitute a quorum and a two thirds majority is required for any proposal of the SGM to be approved.

10. Alterations to the Constitution:

- a. Any changes to this Constitution must be agreed by at least two-thirds of those members present and voting at any General Meeting.

11. Dissolution:

- a. The Group may be wound up at any time if agreed by two-thirds of those members present and voting at any Special General Meeting. In the event of winding up, any assets remaining after all debts have been paid shall be given to another Group with similar aims.

This constitution was adopted at a general meeting of the Group on _____[date]

Signed by:

Chairperson:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Other Committee members: