



## **Exning New River Association Constitution**

### **1. Name**

The name of the Association shall be the Exning New River Association (“the Association”)

### **2. Aims**

For the benefit of the public and wildlife, the aims of the Exning New River Association will be:

- To monitor and raise awareness of the New River (one of only 210 chalk streams worldwide) from its source on Newmarket Heath through the village of Exning to the confluence of rivers north west of Landwade Hall, Exning
- To protect flow and water quality from the Seven Springs, St Wendred’s Well and Favin's Head and in addition water pumped from the Snailwell borehole, during dry periods
- To encourage habitat restoration and optimum biodiversity
- To enhance the flora and fauna along the banks
- To advance the education of the public in the history, conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment associated with the chalk stream

### **3. Objectives**

- Raising funds and receiving contributions where appropriate to finance the aims
- Opening a bank account
- Holding and owning assets
- Organising meetings and events
- Working with similar groups and exchanging information and advice with them
- Taking any action that is lawful, which would help it to fulfil its aims.

### **4. Management**

- (a) Exning New River Association shall be administered by a Committee of not less than 3 Trustees and not more than 6 Trustees elected at the Association’s Annual General Meeting
- (b) The officers of the Trustees Committee shall be:
  - The Chairperson
  - The Treasurer
  - The Secretaryand such other Trustee officers as the Association shall deem necessary at the meeting.
- (c) The Committee of Trustees shall meet at least twice a year.
- (d) At least 3 Trustees must be present for the Trustees Committee meeting to take place
- (e) Voting at Trustee Committee meetings shall be by show of hands on a majority basis, with the Chairman holding a casting vote, where necessary.
- (f) Power to set up sub-groups and working parties as deemed necessary who shall be accountable to the Trustee Committee.

## **5. Membership**

- (a) Membership shall be open to anyone who is interested in helping the Association to achieve its aims and willing to abide by the rules of the Association.
- (b) Every member shall have one vote at general meetings.
- (c) The Trustees Committee shall have the power to refuse membership to an applicant, where it is considered such membership would be detrimental to the aims, purposes of activities of the Association.
- (d) Registration and termination of membership. Any member of the Association may resign his/her membership and any representative of a member organisation or section may resign such position, by giving written notice to that effect.

## **6. Finance**

- (a) Any money obtained by the Association shall be used only for the Association.
- (b) Any bank accounts opened for the Association shall be in the name of the Association.
- (c) Any cheque issued shall be signed by at least two of any three nominated signatures.
- (d) All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested, to further the Association's aims. No surpluses (or assets) will be distributed to members or third parties.

## **7. Annual General Meeting**

- (a) The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) at not more than 15 month intervals.
- (b) Where possible members shall be notified personally, otherwise notice will be deemed served by advertising the meetings in at least two public places giving at least 14 days' notice of the AGM.
- (c) The business of the AGM shall include
  - Receiving a report from the Chairperson of the Group's activities over the year
  - Receiving a report and presentation of the last financial year's accounts from the Treasurer on the finances of the Group.

## **8. Alteration of the Constitution**

- (a) Proposals for amendments to this constitution, or dissolution (see Clause 9) must be delivered to the secretary in writing. The secretary in conjunction with all other Trustees shall then decide on the date of a forum meeting to discuss such proposals, giving at least four weeks (28 days) clear notice.
- (b) Any changes to this constitution must be agreed by at least two thirds of those members present and voting at any general meeting.

## **9. Dissolution**

The Association may be wound up at any time if agreed by two thirds of those members 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.

## **10. Adoption of the Constitution**

This constitution was adopted by the members present at the meeting held on 20th April 2022.

Signed:



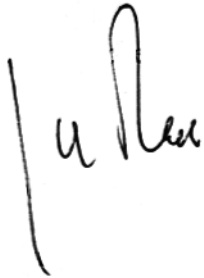
Trustee: Philip Eaves



Trustee: Neville Collinge



Trustee: Roy Quarrell



Trustee: John Reed



Trustee: Jenny Ricketts



Trustee: Michael Robinson