

## **Green Phoenix Constitution**

### **1. The group will be called:**

Green Phoenix

### **2. The aims of the group are to:**

- a) To facilitate the creation of healthy and reconnected communities
- b) To challenge perceptions of mankind's impact and role on the planet
- c) To promote the long-term support of individuals and communities
- d) To give disempowered individuals the opportunity of achieving a higher status in society
- e) Assist individuals in finding rewarding roles within projects, their communities and society.
- f) To provide mentoring and allow those most in need to share their skills and become an essential part of the mentoring process.
- g) To give high regard to 'experts by experience' and provide opportunities for experienced but non-qualified individuals to work alongside traditional experts as equals.
- h) To provide a healthy and diverse environment for native wildlife
- i. To promote conservation of native species through voluntary work for the benefit of the local environment and community
- j. To create new habitats for native wildlife
- k. To restore selected areas of habitat
- l). To share scientific data with regional, national and international organisations
- m) To protect the heritage of spaces. This can include wildlife heritage and heritage based within the field of the arts, including but not limited to music, literature and moving images
- n) To conduct ecological monitoring and scientific research to assist established organisations and institutions in their efforts to combat climate change, pollution, loss of ecological diversity and further the broader understanding of complex ecological interactions.

To fulfil these aims, the group will:

- 1) Provide opportunities for members of the public to engage in significant global scientific research with appropriate provision of mentoring and support
- 2) To create and share information relating to the impact of humans upon planet earth with positive suggestions for reducing this impact
- 3) To work alongside individuals and communities on scientific research that allows contributors to feel empowered and of great worth
- 4) To facilitate therapeutic events that allow individuals to engage with green spaces
- 5) To manage the site known as 'Coed Phoenix' in a structured and beneficial way, using recognised techniques and procedures. If activities are not based at Coed Phoenix we may offer advice and guidance to third parties based on sound and well considered scientific knowledge and research.
- 6) Engage with other local, regional and national wildlife organisations for advice and guidance where necessary.
- 7) Plan, organise and carry out practical conservation work
- 8) Carry out ecological studies, produce reports and findings that will be shared with the wider scientific community, through the various recognised data collection organisations.
- 9) Raise money and other support for the project or other projects with similar values
- 10) Provide individuals and groups with resources and equipment either to assist with projects that they are participating in or as rewards.

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### **4. Membership and the committee**

- a. The membership of the group will be open to anyone interested in taking an active part in promoting its aims but the final decision regarding acceptance as a member shall be decided by a committee member vote in the usual way.
- b. The group will hold regular meetings, which any member will be entitled to attend.
- c. The minimum number of meetings to be called per year is two including The Annual General Meeting. Members can call additional general meetings as and when they are needed.
- d. A minimum of one month's notice will be given to inform members of the date of the Annual General Meeting. A minimum of two weeks notice will be given to inform members of an EGM unless an emergency arises in which case notice of 48 hours will be given.
- e. **Quorum:** A majority of committee members must be present for a motion to be passed.
- f. Absence of a Quorum should be noted and stated to the assembled members by the chairperson,
- g. If members of the committee cannot be compelled to attend important meetings and decisions are not been taken because of this the remaining members must vote on a course of action that would allow decisions to be made, this could include a vote to remove a person or people from the committee if it is seen that their absence is causing the group to function in a mediocre fashion.
- h. All committee members can vote, they each hold one vote, and a show of hands will be the method of capturing their vote.
- i. Group members can call a meeting at any time.
- j. Group members do not need a majority vote to allow a meeting to take place.
- k. Group members can call a key meeting, which requests the presence of both members and Committee members. A majority of group members is needed to call such a meeting.
- l. Such officers will be appointed as are required to administer the running of the group including a chairperson, a treasurer and a secretary.
- m. An officer will typically serve as such for the period of one year before a re-election takes place. Elections for officers will normally take place at AGM's but can take place at other meetings if it is the will of the Committee.

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### **5. Other essential points**

- a. Accounts will be kept by the treasurer, submitted to, and approved by an Annual General meeting.
- b. A suitable bank account will be maintained with at least two authorised signatories
- c.. The group will maintain appropriate insurance cover for volunteers working on its behalf
- d. This constitution may be altered by the consent of a simple majority of members at an AGM or EGM
- e. The group known as “Green Phoenix” manage and use the land know as “Coed Phoenix Nature Reserve“ with the permission of the landowner, this permission may be withdrawn if the aims of the group are not being followed or at any time, providing that the group is not part way through a funded project or key aims of the project would be threatened by the withdrawal of use.
- f) Green Phoenix is a 'Not for profit' organisation

### **6. Dissolution clause**

If the group ceases to be, all surplus funds and assets will be passed onto a community focused group with similar aims and objectives. The trustees will select the beneficiary.