



Group constitution

1 NAME

Hope for Belper - a local voluntary non-profit community based organisation which was originally set up under the national Hope'08 banner.

See www.hopeforbelper.wordpress.com.

2 THE PURPOSES OF THE GROUP

- To enable local Christians in partnership with others to take an active role in facilitating, organising and providing community initiatives, responding to local needs.
- To encourage church congregations across the town to work more closely together in serving the local community.

3 THE STEERING GROUP

The group shall be managed by a steering group who recommit to carrying forward the strategic role of the group at a yearly review. Whilst the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer positions will be voted upon each year, anyone wishing to take an active part on the steering group can be accepted on to the group at any point during the year, by majority agreement of the current members.

Current post holders and other executive members (up to January 2011):-

Chairperson	Gareth Greenwood
Secretary	Helen Greenwood
Treasurer	Andrew Race
Additional Members	Paul Linford (Website Coordinator)
	Andy Paisley
	Caroline Stoddart
	Claire Tapping
	Jo Lambourne

4 CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES

In order to carry out the purposes, the steering group will

- (1) prayerfully consider the strategic direction of the group
- (2) raise funds, receive grants and donations
- (3) designate funds to carry out the work of the group
- (4) co-operate with and support local partners with similar purposes
- (5) do anything which is lawful and necessary to achieve the purposes

5 **AFFILIATION**

Hope For Belper is a loose knit organisation of individual volunteers, local churches and local partnership organisations.

Any person who shares the aims of the group may:-

- Attend steering group or project group meetings and / or;
- Put themselves forward to become an active steering group member at the discretion of the existing members.

The steering group may remove a person from membership of the steering group if they believe it is in the best interests of the group. The member has the right to be heard by the steering group before the decision is made and can be accompanied by a friend.

Any person organising projects or activities, or acting under the name of Hope for Belper, must secure the prior agreement of the steering group.

6 **YEARLY REVIEW**

- (1) A review will be held each year and minutes kept with 14 days notice given to all members and affiliates with an agenda.
- (2) There must be at least 4 members present at the review meeting.
- (3) The Treasurer shall present the accounts.
- (4) The Chair shall present a summary of the year's activities.
- (5) Election of post holders will be by nomination and vote.
- (6) One member shall be designated as website coordinator.

7 **STEERING GROUP MEETINGS**

- (1) At least 3 steering group members must be present at the meeting to be able to take decisions. Minutes shall be kept for every meeting.
- (2) The steering group may make reasonable additional rules to help run the group. These rules must not conflict with this constitution or the law.

8 **MONEY AND PROPERTY**

- (1) The Treasurer must keep accounts which will be independently examined each year. The most recent annual accounts can be seen by anybody on request.
- (2) Steering group members cannot receive any money or property from the group, except to refund reasonable out of pocket expenses.
- (3) Money must be held in the group's bank account. All cheques must be signed by two of the designated signatories.

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SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

- (1) **Winding up** - As and when the group ceases its activities, any surplus funds raised will be distributed to organisations in Belper working for the benefit of the community.
- (2) **Changes to the Constitution** - can be made at the yearly review or steering group Meetings.

10 ADOPTION OF THIS CONSTITUTION

This constitution was adopted on 17th January 2011 by the people whose signatures appear below. They are the current post holders and other steering group members and will be so until the 2012 yearly review.

Signed

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