

Constitution of the Friends of Disley Station

1. The Group shall be called '**Friends of Disley Station**'.
2. The aims of the Group are:
 - To promote practical environmental enhancement works, especially by volunteers, for the benefit both of the community and of train passengers
 - To publicise and raise awareness of the benefits of rail travel and 'green transport plans'
 - To campaign for improved infrastructure facilities and passenger services at the station and thereby help increase station 'footfall'
 - To encourage community involvement and ownership, particularly by young people and schools, in station-related projects to do with conservation, environment and associated educational activities
 - To encourage local businesses to sponsor environmental enhancements at the station area
 - To work in partnership with ALL stakeholders to achieve these aims
 - To help further the aims of a) the ASSOCIATION of COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIPS (ACoRP) and b) the HIGH PEAK & HOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP as expressed in its Terms of Reference dated November 2019.
3. To fulfil these aims the Group will:
 - Undertake practical environmental, conservation, recycling works and other activities as they see fit
 - Encourage partnerships with other like-minded groups to undertake such works
 - Raise money for relevant projects as and when necessary including by means of awards, grants and sponsorship
 - Publicise its activities and achievements.
4. The Group's area of interest is generally the environs of Disley Station and the adjacent areas and car parks.
5. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in taking part in, or supporting, the work of the organisation, and in agreement with the aims and objects of the Group. Members' names and contact details shall be registered with the Secretary of the Group.
6. The Group shall hold an AGM each year and other general meetings as required to further its aims and discuss its policy and administration. All members (ie Friends) shall be entitled to attend and the meetings shall be fully advertised, especially at Disley Station. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be six members, of whom at least two shall be Officers of the Committee (see 7 below). The AGM shall be held no more than 15 months following the previous AGM.

7. A Committee shall be appointed by a general meeting of the Group, and ratified at the next AGM, to conduct the administration of the organisation. This Committee (which will normally include four Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) will be in charge of the day to day running of the organisation, and will be answerable to meetings of members. The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be four members of the Committee of whom at least two shall be Officers. The Committee shall be empowered to appoint sub-committees as/if required to work on specific aspects of the ~Group's work, and will be answerable to the Committee.
8. Accounts shall be kept by the Treasurer, submitted to an independent inspection and approved at the AGM.
9. The Group shall, through the appropriate railway authority, obtain any necessary insurance for volunteers on its projects and to cover any consequent injuries to third persons and damage to property.
10. This Constitution shall only be altered by consent of a majority of the registered members of the organisation, and ratified at the next AGM.
11. **WINDING UP** The Group may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority of registered members voting at a General Meeting. A motion for the dissolution of the Group to be proposed at a General Meeting shall be referred to explicitly when notice of the Meeting is given. On the dissolution of the Group, the available funds shall be transferred to a charitable or community organisation having reasonably similar aims as shall be chosen by the Committee and approved by the Meeting of the Group at which the decision to dissolve the Group is confirmed. On dissolution the minute books and other records of the Group shall be deposited with the Cheshire East Council Record Office.

Agreed at the meeting of Friends of Disley Station on Tuesday 10th December 2019.

Signatories to the Friends of Disley Station Constitution:

... Chair, Friends of Disley Station (FODS)

--- Vice-Chair, FODS

... Treasurer & Secretary of FODS