

## Avon and Arrow Greenway Project Constitution



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### 1) Name

The organisation will be known as the “Avon and Arrow Greenway Project” (AAGP for the purposes of this document)

### 2) Aims

The aims of the organisation will be:

- To promote safe and responsible leisure routes (e.g. cycling, walking) within and across Parish boundaries thereby improving the health and well-being of the local population
- To provide a forum for neighbouring communities establish links with safe cycle and pathway routes
- To champion and seek funding for the development of an improved infrastructure for cyclists and walkers in the area
- To provide a source of information and advice to local and visiting cyclists and walkers
- To promote tourism and encourage visiting cyclists and walkers to use local businesses
- To reduce dependency on the motor car, reduce

### 3) Activities

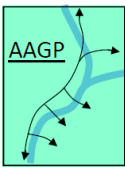
In pursuit of the above aims, our activities may include:

Cycling and walking advocacy

- Lobbying for improved cycling and walking environment and infrastructure, working with councils, Highways England, Avon Navigation Trust, Forestry Commission England, communities, clubs, Sustrans and other national cycling and walking organisations
- Partnering with local clubs and other organizations with an interest in cycling and walking
- Planning, mapping, signage and promotion of cycle and walking routes

Cycle and walking experience

- Encouraging and promoting individuals and families of all ages in safe and responsible cycling, using correct equipment, clothing and lights.



- Promoting guided social cycle rides and walking trails for adults, including those with learning difficulties
- Promoting and supporting local cycling and walking events and festivals

Cycling and walking for health and wellbeing

- Promoting and supporting cycle-based and walking activities in partnership with health, education and fitness groups

Cycling and walking tourism

- Promoting traffic free leisure cycling and walking in the area
- Provision of signage and maps showing suggested leisure cycling and walking routes and trails.
- Seek to link up local routes to the National Cycle Network to encourage cycle tourism from further afield. Encourage the development of a cycle and walking friendly society.

#### 4) Outcomes

- Make the local area a great environment to cycle and walk in safety
- Increased cycle usage and trail walking in Warwickshire and Worcestershire
- Improved communication, cooperation and networking amongst cyclists and walkers through website and other social media
- Make cycling and walking realistic and healthy leisure pastimes for individuals and families alike
- Increase fitness and wellbeing and save on Health costs
- Increasing volume and revenue for the local economy from cycle and walking tourism

#### 5) Structure

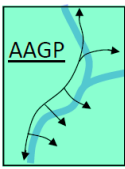
- AAGP is a cross parish group responsible for organisation and administration of the project.
- The group shall include a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary (the officers) and other members as appropriate. Additional partners may be co-opted to lead specific project activities. Membership of the group will be reviewed annually at the annual general meeting.
- Recommendations will be made by the working group and referred back to councils and partner organisations.
- AAGP is an unincorporated not for profit association

#### 6) Scope

AAGP will represent the interests of communities throughout the area defined on the Map above. Routes within, and connections with, other Parishes may also be included

#### 7) Diversity

AAGP will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, colour, ethnic or national origin, sexuality, disability, religious or political belief, marital status or age.



#### 8) Officers

The business of the group will be carried out by the Officers elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations for Officers may be made to the Secretary before the meeting, or at the meeting.

In the event of an officer standing down during the year a replacement will be elected by the next General Meeting of members.

Any Officer not attending a meeting without apology for three months will be contacted by the Secretary and asked if they wish to resign.

The officers' roles are as follows:

1. Chair, who shall chair both general and officers meetings.
2. Vice Chair, who shall act in the event that the Chair is absent.
3. Secretary, who shall be responsible for the taking of minutes and the distribution of all papers.
4. Treasurer who shall be responsible for maintaining accounts.
5. County Representatives who shall be members of local councils and represent matters to District and County Councils shall be co-opted as required.

#### 9) Meetings

General meetings are open to all members and shall be held at least quarterly as required to plan, manage and monitor the activities of the Group.

The Officers will meet as necessary and not less than four times a year.

Working groups will meet as required and report back to the Officers and General meetings.

Every year an AGM will be held, with 14 days' notice given. An annual report, accounts and balance sheets will be presented.

#### 10) Finances

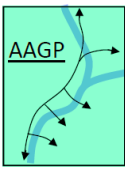
An account will be maintained on behalf of the Group at a bank agreed by the Officers. Cheque signatories will be nominated by the Officers (one to be the Treasurer)

All payments will be signed by two of the signatories.

Records of income and expenditure will be maintained by the Treasurer and a financial statement given at each meeting.

#### 11) Dissolution

Dissolution shall require a unanimous decision by the committee. In the event of dissolution and after any debts and liabilities have been settled, any funds in AAGP's account shall be divided equally between active projects associated with AAGP. If there are none, they shall be donated to Sustrans.



Date agreed

10<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Signed (officers)

Chairman: Joe Harvey

Vice Chairman: Liam Maude

Secretary: Colin Tether

Treasurer Daryl Bailey