

Dorset Humanists Constitution

Name

The name of the association shall be Dorset Humanists.

Aim

The aim of Dorset Humanists shall be to promote the spread of Humanist ideas.

Membership

Membership shall be open to anyone supporting the aim of Dorset Humanists and abiding by its constitution. The Committee may suspend any member whose conduct is considered prejudicial to this aim. The member concerned may appeal against that suspension at the next general meeting.

Committee

The affairs of Dorset Humanists shall be managed by a Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting. It shall consist of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and not more than six other members. A quorum for a Committee meeting shall be five members including at least one of the officers.

Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting shall be held in March each year to consider reports from the officers, approve the accounts, elect a new Committee, appoint an auditor, review subscriptions for the coming year and conduct any other business. All members must be given at least 21 days notice of the date, time and place of the AGM or any Extraordinary General Meeting. A quorum for conducting business at the AGM or EGM shall be 20 members.

Finance

General financial policy shall be determined at the AGM. The funds of Dorset Humanists shall be managed in accordance with this policy by the Committee, who shall have power to invest any sums not required for immediate expenditure. The accounting year of Dorset Humanists shall run from 1st January to 31st December and accounts for the year shall be presented to members at the following AGM.

Winding up of Dorset Humanists

A decision to wind up Dorset Humanists or to amalgamate with another organisation may be taken only at a General Meeting when at least 21 days advance notice of the proposal to do so has been given to all members. On winding up, the assets of Dorset Humanists, after payment of any outstanding debts and commitments, shall be transferred to the British Humanist Association or another organisation with similar aims.

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