

ST IVES IN BLOOM CONSTITUTION

(agreed October 2022)

1. NAME

The name of the organisation shall be the 'St Ives In Bloom Committee'.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the organisation are:

- To enhance and improve the visual attraction and environmental quality of the town of St Ives.
- To enter St Ives in the annual Anglia in Bloom competition.
- To encourage the growth of plants and flowers and support the sustainable use of trees, shrubs and landscaping.
- To promote and establish communal support for ventures and to encourage and develop partnership working.
- To work with the Town, District and County Councils to develop a programme of public floral displays, environmental and heritage projects.
- To develop public awareness of St Ives In Bloom and its activities and to engage people with their environment.
- To contribute to the conservation of local habitats and species including the creation and enhancement of wildlife havens.

3. POWERS

In furtherance of the objects the organisation may exercise the following powers:

- To invite and receive contributions or grants and to raise funds in any way including carrying on trade.
- To expend funds in pursuit of the achievement of all or any of the objects.
- To buy, take on, lease, share, hire or acquire any property necessary for the achievement of all or any of the objects.
- To sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any of the property belonging to the organisation.
- To co-operate and enter into any arrangements with other charities, voluntary bodies, statutory authorities, businesses and residents operating in furtherance of the objects.
- To establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the objects.
- To open and operate bank accounts and other banking facilities.
- To do all such other lawful things as is necessary for the achievement of the objects.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- i. Membership of St Ives In Bloom shall be open to representatives of any organisation or community group with an interest in environmental improvements in St Ives or other such individuals who are sympathetic to the objectives of the group and are prepared to contribute in a practical manner. Any member of the public with an interest in the work of the organisation is welcome to attend. Voting at an AGM is restricted to those attending regularly as volunteers or as members of the Committee on the St Ives In Bloom website at the time of the AGM.
- ii. The organisation shall meet at such times as is determined by the organisation subject to a minimum of four meetings per year.
- iii. The quorum required for business to be conducted at any meeting is three organisation members.
- iv. The Annual General Meeting of the organisation shall be held during October each year where the organisation shall elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer from among the organisation members.
- v. All organisation members will have equal voting rights except that the Chairman shall have a casting vote if necessary.

5. FINANCE

- i. The Annual Accounts will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
- ii. The bankers for the organisation shall be determined by the organisation who will also nominate three appropriate signatories (any two are authorised to sign cheques).

6. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution may be amended or revoked by a resolution of a two thirds majority of members present at the AGM or an Extraordinary General Meeting called with the full knowledge of all members with at least ten working days between posting and day of receipt.

7. DISSOLUTION

The organisation may be dissolved upon a resolution to that effect passed by a two thirds majority of those members present at a meeting solely held for this purpose, all Committee members being notified of such a meeting at least 21 days beforehand. Following this resolution, the remaining officers of the organisation shall take appropriate action to discharge all debts and liabilities of the organisation. Any remaining monies once all liabilities have been discharged shall be transferred to St Ives Town Council to be used for the sole purpose of enhancing and improving the visual attraction and environmental quality of the town of St Ives.