



## Constitution

### **Name:**

East Greenwich Residents Association (EGRA) , herein after referred to as the "Association."

### **Purpose:**

- a) Help promote and improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of residents within the relevant area of East Greenwich (defined below and hereafter called "the area")
- b) Encourage high standards of development and architecture in creating a place where people want to live, work and visit
- c) Represent the views of the local community and to ensure its voice is heard as part of the planning process and development of the area

### **Powers:**

- a) Work with all relevant parties to achieve the sustainable regeneration of the area ensuring adequate provision of community infrastructure and amenities
- b) Hold meetings, lectures and exhibitions
- c) Raise funds by way of subscription, donation or otherwise
- d) Do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the attainment of the aforesaid

### **Membership:**

- a) Voting membership of the association is open to all residents of the East Greenwich Community "the area" and all those who have an interest in promoting the purpose of the association where ever they may reside. The area of the East Greenwich community is defined as <http://www.egra.london/the-egra-area>
- b) The association does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, religion, colour , age sexual orientation, disability, marital status or national origin.
- c) Membership is renewable on an annual basis. Members are asked to make a voluntary contribution on renewal.
- d) Membership of the association is not contingent upon subscription.

### **Management:**

- a) The association has an executive board, comprising; Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary , and executive board members.
- b) At the Annual general meeting the role of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are elected by the Executive membership and the membership in attendance at the meeting.
- c) Executive board members are volunteers from the membership to the role of executive board member.
- d) There are no limits on the number of members of the Executive, but the board must comprise at a minimum at least three members that have the elected role of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

### **Meetings:**

- a) All meeting are chaired by the elected chairman, a proxy chair is selected ahead of the meeting if the chair is not available.
- b) Meeting agenda is agreed ahead of the meeting and agenda items are polled from the membership.
- c) Minutes are taken at all meetings. Records are maintained for both executive and public meetings. Public meeting minutes are posted to the association website <http://www.egra.london/egra-meetings>
- d) The executive meet every 6 weeks, a quorum of at least three is required to hold an executive meeting.
- e) Public meetings are held every quarter.
- f) The annual general meeting is held every 12 months. Either in the last month of the calendar year or the first month of the following calendar year.

### **Elections:**

- a) Elections to the role of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer occur annually at the Annual general public meeting (AGM) and are approved by at least a two thirds majority of those present and voting.
- b) Any member of the Executive board can stand for election for the role of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.
- c) Any member of the membership can volunteer for the role of Executive board member.
- d) The Size of the Executive board has no limit.

### **Finances:**

- a) The funds of the association including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the association. All cheques drawn by association the can only be signed by two designated signatories.
- b) The association raises finances for its operations through the annual voluntary subscription of its membership. From time to time the association will embark on specific projects and raise funds through donations grants and crowd funding. These funds are specific to project are restricted in their use.
- c) A current record of all income funding and expenditure will be kept. A treasurers report will provided to the public at the annual general meeting.

### **Amendments:**

- a) Notification of amendments to the association constitution, will be posted to the membership for consideration at least two weeks ahead of the public AGM, and approved by at least a two thirds majority of those present and voting.

### **Dissolution:**

- a) The group may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a simple two thirds majority of those present and voting at any public meeting. Notification of dissolution must be given in writing to all members of record at least 28 days in advance of the public meeting.

Daniel Hayes

Chairman EGRA

Friday, 29 September 2017

