



THE LONDON GREEN BELT COUNCIL

RULES

Adopted 2nd November 2011

1. The Council shall be called The London Green Belt Council.
2. The object of the Council shall be to preserve and extend the Green Belt round London and to consider and advise on the use of Green Belt land and open space.
3. The Council may do all such lawful things or acts as are incidental to the attainment of its object. In particular, it may campaign politically in support of its object, but shall not support any particular political party.

Membership

4. Membership of the Council shall be open to organisations which share the object of the Council. However, organisations exercising the functions of a local planning authority shall not be eligible for membership.
5. The Council shall have the power to co-opt such other persons as, in its opinion, will further its object; such co-opted members shall not exceed four in number at any one time. The Council shall have the power to offer honorary membership to individuals, to invite any suitable person to become President, and to invite up to four suitable persons to become honorary Vice-Presidents.

Meetings

6. The Council shall meet not less than three times a year and six member organisations shall form a quorum. The autumn meeting shall be the Annual General Meeting.
7. Twenty-eight days notice shall be given of the Annual General Meeting or of any special meeting called to alter these rules.
8. The Council shall seek to reach decisions by consensus. In the event that a vote is necessary, a simple majority of the member organisations present and voting at the meeting shall determine the question, provided that any proposal to amend these rules must be supported by at least two-thirds of the member organisations present and voting. In the event of equal numbers of votes for or against, the status quo shall prevail.
9. A member organisation may appoint one or more people to represent it at a meeting, but the organisation has only one vote.

Executive Committee

10. The Council shall appoint annually at its Annual General Meeting persons to serve as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and up to four other persons to form an Executive Committee.
11. The Executive Committee shall represent the Council and shall report on its activities to general meetings of the Council. The Executive Committee may meet from time to time, or may reach its decisions using electronic means of communication.

Finance

12. The subscription from member organisations of the Council shall be of such amount as shall be determined by the members at the Annual General Meeting, and shall become due on the 1st January each year.
13. The Treasurer shall operate an account with a bank approved by the Council. Payments out of the account shall be authorised by any two of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.
14. In the event of the London Green Belt Council being wound up, any funds shall be distributed equally among all the member organisations of the Council at the time of winding-up.