

South Devon Outdoors Constitution

Name

The name of this group shall be South Devon Outdoors

Status

A 'not for profit' association of businesses and organisations promoting outdoor pursuits and tourism in South Devon

Objectives

The objectives of the group are to:

1. Promote opportunities to enjoy sustainable outdoor activities in South Devon*(*South of a line from Brixham – Plymouth)
2. Act as a one stop marketing shop for its members.
3. Harness the environment as a driver for growth enabling its members to be economically sustainable.

Powers

To perform any such lawful duties as necessary to the attainment of the above objectives

Membership

Membership is open to businesses and other organisations promoting active pursuits in the outdoors.

Categories of membership

Voting member - All members which have signed the **South Devon Outdoors Sustainable Activities Charter** and have paid their annual subscription.
(Membership year 1st May – 30th April).

Non-voting members – any other members plus any advisors from outside agencies – eg the South Devon AONB team

Officers: The group will have the following officers:

Chair, Treasurer, Secretary

Committee

The Committee will comprise the three officers and three additional members who will be re-elected every year at an AGM.

The quorum necessary to transact business shall be at least 3 voting members.

A statement of income and expenditure will be prepared annually and presented at the AGM.

A bank account shall be opened and will be operated by the officers of the group and shall require two signatures to draw on the funds within the account.

Annual General Meetings

An AGM will be held once every calendar year.

The committee will give at least one months notice stating the time, the place and a request for agenda items. The agenda for the business to be transacted will be sent out at least two weeks before the meeting. Such notice will be given in writing to individual committee

members. The Chair, (or in his/her absence, the Secretary) shall conduct the AGM. The quorum necessary to transact business shall not be less than 4 voting members present.

Elections

The position of the officers will be filled by voting at the AGM. Vacancies will be declared in the notice of the AGM and nominations of the candidates may be given verbally at the AGM, or in writing to the secretary. Each voting member present shall have one vote, and issues arising at the general meetings shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast. The Chair’s declaration as to the result of voting and his/her decision of procedure shall be final.

Alteration of the constitution can only be agreed at an AGM, or an Extraordinary General Meeting, which may be convened at the written request of a minimum of three voting members.

Dissolution

On dissolution of the group, any assets remaining after all debts and liabilities have been discharged shall not be distributed among the members but shall be handed to a voluntary organisation with similar aims and objectives.

This constitution was adopted as the constitution of the South Devon Outdoors group at a meeting on 29th April 2014

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