

Constitution of the St Ives Community Orchard & Nature Reserve

Group.

1. NAME

The name of the Association shall be the St Ives Community Orchard & Nature Reserve Group (hereafter referred to as SCON). The orchard & nature reserve is situated in Penbeagle and is part of the Paleman-Best Trust, as per the attached map (hereinafter referred to as "the site").

2. AIM

To establish and manage a community orchard and Nature Reserve at Penbeagle, St Ives, for the benefit of the local community and wildlife.

3. OBJECTS

The objects of SCON are:

- a) To maintain and improve The Community Orchard and Nature Reserve according to the Management plan with the emphasis on preserving the naturalness of the site.
- b) To promote community involvement in the management of the orchard and the nature reserve.
- c) To welcome volunteers to the group without discrimination.

4. MEMBERSHIP

a) Membership of SCON shall be open to any person interested in furthering the objects of SCON and who is proposed and seconded, and accepted by majority vote by existing Group members, at a General Meeting, and who agrees to abide by this Constitution by signing and dating the Constitution.

b) Every member shall have one vote at meetings. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting may exercise a second or casting vote.

c) The Secretary shall keep an up to date list of members.

4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

a) The Group shall have the right for good and sufficient reason to terminate the membership of any member provided that the member concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Group at a General Meeting before a final decision is made by majority vote.

b) Membership will be deemed to have lapsed if a member fails to attend ~~any~~ 911 General Meetings within a twelve month period.

5. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At Annual General Meetings, SCON shall elect from amongst its members a Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and other positions as necessary.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Within twelve months of the date of the meeting adopting this constitution SCON shall convene an Annual General Meeting for the purpose of receiving an annual report from the Chairman, a statement of accounts, to elect the Management Committee and of voting, wherever necessary, on proposals to amend the Constitution. At least 21 days notice shall be given of the Annual General Meeting.

7. GROUP MEETINGS

a) The quorum for the Group shall be five members present at a meeting.

b) In the event of an Management Committee Member not wishing or being unable to continue in that role then the vacancy shall be filled by election at an ordinary General Meeting of the Group.