

## **Constitution of the Mid-Cheshire Rail Users Association:**

1. The name of the association shall be the “Mid-Cheshire Rail Users Association”.
2. The aims of the association are:
  - (i) Improved Rail Services on the Mid-Cheshire line and to support the improvement of public transport in Greater Manchester and Cheshire;
  - (ii) Greater usage of services on the Mid-Cheshire Line and West Coast Main Line in Cheshire.
3. Membership shall be open to all persons and bodies in agreement with these aims. Classes of membership shall be as follows:
  - (i) Individual under 21 years;
  - (ii) Individual 21 years and over;
  - (iii) Family;
  - (iv) Voluntary body;
  - (v) Corporate.

Changes in classes of membership and the rates of subscription applying may only be effected by a simple majority vote of those voting members and other member bodies present at a General Meeting of the Association.

4. The Association shall hold its Annual General Meeting between 1st May and 31st July every year at which independently examined accounts shall be presented for approval.

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened within two months of receiving a notice signed by a minimum of thirty members, the membership total being taken as the total of the votes allocated under the membership rule 5. It may also be convened should a meeting of the committee decide they have good reason.

One month’s notice shall be given of the convening of all general meetings of the Association.

5. Votes at General Meetings of the Association shall be granted to those present as follows:

individuals - one vote;

families - one vote for each family member present with a maximum of two votes for that family;

voluntary bodies and corporate - one vote for each member present from the controlling committee or executive, with a maximum of two votes for that body or organisation.

6. The association shall be governed by a committee consisting of the following:

Chairman

Vice-chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership secretary

Publicity officer

Minutes secretary

and up to 3 others.

Nominations for the committee with a proposer and seconder and the signed consent of the candidate who must all be current members, shall be received by the secretary not less than one week before the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

In the event of there being more than one candidate for any position, the successful candidate shall be decided by means of a secret ballot of those members present at the meeting.

The committee may co-opt members to replace any who may resign during the course of a year; and may also co-opt up to 3 additional members during any period between Annual General Meetings.

In the event that the position of chairman, secretary or treasurer remains unfilled for a continuous period of three calendar months, then a General Meeting of the Association is to be called with the purpose either filling the positions or suspending or disbanding the Association.

7. Any amendments to the constitution shall be made at a properly convened General Meeting of members, notice of the proposed amendments having been given with the notice of that meeting; as shall any decision to suspend or disband the Association and dispose of any funds that may be left, the notice of which will include reasons for seeking to wind up the Association.