

The Allington with Sedgebrook Twinning Association Constitution

1. Name

The Association shall be called **The Allington with Sedgebrook Twinning Association** (hereinafter called the Association).

2. Aims of the Association

- 2.1 To promote and foster friendship and understanding between the people of Allington and Sedgebrook in Lincolnshire and the people of Tuffé in France, taking into account the declaration of friendship signed by the two communities in 1992.
- 2.2 To encourage visits by individuals and groups from these communities and establish a mutual understanding of the twinned communities.
- 2.3 To gain an understanding of a different culture.
- 2.4 To fundraise in order to foster the aims of the Association.

3. Powers

In order to achieve its aims the Association may:-

- Raise money
- Apply for grants
- Do anything that is lawful which will help to fulfil its aims.

4. Membership

- 4.1 Membership is open to residents of Allington and Sedgebrook and local area.
- 4.2 It is open to families with children under the age of 18
- 4.3 It is open to families with children at Allington school who may or may not live in Allington or Sedgebrook
- 4.4 Membership shall be free.

5. Money

- 5.1 The Association shall have its own bank account
- 5.2 All monies received on behalf of the Association shall be paid into the Association's bank account
- 5.3 The Treasurer shall keep an account of income and expenditure
- 5.4 The Association is non-profit making and monies are generated from fundraising, donations, bank interest and grants.
- 5.5 The monies shall be solely used in the day to day running of the Association, twinning events and official visits to and from the twinned town/villages.

6. Management Committee

- 6.1 The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Management Committee
- 6.2 The principal officers shall be the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

7. General Meetings

- 7.1 General meetings will be held when the Committee deems necessary throughout the year to discuss any upcoming events or trips.
- 7.2 At least 14 days notice will be given of a general meeting.

8. AGM

- 8.1 An AGM will be held once a year
- 8.2 At least 14 days notice will given of the AGM
- 8.3 The Committee will report on work and events that have happened during the year
- 8.4 A report of the income and expenditure for the year will be given.
- 8.5 Committee members shall stand from the end of the AGM that they were elected at until the end of the next AGM.

9. Changes to the Constitution

- 9.1 The Constitution can only be changed at the AGM. The Secretary must give 14 days notice of the meeting along with details of the proposed changes to the Constitution. For the Constitution to be changed over half of the members present at the meeting must agree.

10. Dissolution

- 10.1 In the event of the dissolution of the Association, all surplus funds shall be transferred to such charities as the Committee shall decide.

11. Arrangements until the first Annual General Meeting

Until the first Annual General Meeting takes place, this Constitution shall take effect as if references in it to the Committee were references to the people whose signatures appear at the bottom of this document.

12. A copy of this Constitution shall be available for all Members.

Signed Chair

..... Treasurer

..... Secretary