

Constitution

1. Name

The name of the group shall be "Clean Team Prestwich" hereafter called "the Group."

2. Objectives

The primary objectives of the Group shall be to improve Prestwich by ensuring the urban area and green spaces are free from litter and kept in a good state of repair. In support of this the Group will aim to:

- a. Promote a litter free Prestwich and surrounding areas.
- b. Take direct action by organizing litter picks and clean up events.
- c. Co-ordinate with the Council / local Councilors to facilitate improvements to Prestwich urban areas and green spaces.
- d. Act as a voice for local people who want to support our aims
- e. Involve and educate the public and local businesses, and work closely with similar community groups
- f. Explore and seek sources of funding to achieve these aims.

3. Authority

In furtherance of said objective above, but not further or otherwise, the Group shall have the following powers:

- a. To raise funds and to invite and receive contributions provided that in raising funds the Committee shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activity and shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law.
- b. To employ on such terms and conditions of employment as the Group shall determine any paid or voluntary worker or workers to assist in the attainment of the said objectives.
- c. To buy, take on lease or exchange any property necessary for the achievement of the objectives, and to maintain and equip it for use.
- d. Subject to consents required by law, to sell, lease or dispose of all or any part of the property of the Group.
- e. To identify through local authorities, Councilors, Police, where help or assistance may be given to help improve Prestwich and surrounding areas.
- f. To encourage more interest by the council and improve the maintenance standards by communication with the council.
- g. To be a steering group, who must be consulted before any major development that may affect a litter free Prestwich or development of local green spaces.
- h. To do such other lawful things as shall further the attainment of the said objectives.

4. Membership

- a. Membership is open to all and is free.
- b. The Committee members 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 before a final decision is made.
- c. Every member shall contribute time as appropriate and voluntarily, as may be agreed by the Group.

5. Committee

- a. At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) hereinafter mentioned, the Group shall elect a Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer (hereinafter called "the committee") being persons who are members of the Group.
- b. Unless Committee members tender their resignation in writing to the other committee members, they shall hold office until the conclusion of the next AGM after the election, but shall be eligible for re-election.

6. General Meetings

- a. The Group's meeting on the 14th March 2018, at 7.30pm in Rufus Bar and Kitchen has constituted as the first General meeting giving arise the election of the committee.
- b. Once each year thereafter an Annual General Meeting of the Group shall be held at such a time (not being more than 15 months after the holding of the previous AGM) and place, as the committee shall reasonably determine. At such an AGM the business of the meeting shall include:
 - i. The receipt of the Annual Reports and the Accounts for the preceding year.
 - ii. The election of Committee Members
 - iii. The discussion of annual subscription
 - iv. The transaction of such matters as from time to time may be necessary.
- c. The Committee members may at any time call a Special Meeting of the Group.
- d. Notification of a meeting shall be given via the Group's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CleanTeamPrestwich/>) and website (<http://www.CleanTeamPrestwich.org>), not less than 14 days prior to the meeting.

7. Quorum

- a. No General meeting shall proceed to business unless a minimum of at least 2 members and 2 committee members, are present.
- b. All questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of those members present.

8. Finances

- a. The Treasurer shall keep accountancy records for the Group, prepare an annual statement of accounts for the Group, arrange independent examination of the accounts and submit a statement of the accounts at the AGM.
- b. The funds of the Group shall be applied in furtherance of its objectives and no other purpose, and no payment shall be made to any member except reasonable and proper out of pocket expenses.
- c. A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Group with such bank, as the Committee members deem appropriate.
- d. Each of the Committee members may sign cheques raised on behalf of the Group's bank account. Two authorised signatories must sign all cheques.

9. Alterations to the Constitution

No alteration, addition or amendment to this constitution shall be made except at a General Meeting of the Group called for such a purpose.

10. Equal Opportunities

Clean Team Prestwich will ensure that everyone is given the opportunity to become involved fully and equally, regardless of race, gender, age, sexuality, disability or religion.

11. Dissolution

The Group may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special Meeting convened for the purpose of which 21 days notice shall be given. Any assets held will be paid to a suitable charity to be decided as part of the resolution for dissolution of the Group.

This Constitution was adopted as the Constitution of Clean Team Prestwich a Public Meeting held at Rufus Bar and Kitchen, 6 Clifton Road, Prestwich, Manchester on 25 April 2018.

Signed..... (Chair)

Signed.....(Treasurer)

Signed.....(Secretary)