

CONSTITUTION

Protect Farmland West of Bewley Road (PFWBR) Group – an unincorporated association

1. Our Purpose

The Group exists to safeguard the prime agricultural land and greenspace, together with the associated biodiversity, landscape and network of public footpaths that exist west of Bewley Road, and throughout the Parish of Angmering, for the benefit of all who live, work or visit there.

2. Our Objectives

Our objectives are:

- to work with residents of Angmering, Arun District Council, Angmering Parish Council, businesses and other community organisations to protect the existing farmland from development that is not related to farming or other countryside activities;
- Both within and outside of the Village to highlight, and raise public awareness of the need to safeguard the land for food production, natural flood defence, biodiversity and wildlife, landscape and recreational activities such as walking etc. and to work with other bodies to secure its retention, and enhancement where appropriate;
- to raise local awareness and comment upon those planning applications which are likely to have a significant impact upon the environment of Angmering, the living conditions of nearby residents and the well-being of all; and
- to organise such events and activities as are in accordance with our Purpose and Objectives.

3. Membership

Membership will be open to all interested individuals, businesses and groups in the vicinity of Angmering Village. The Committee shall have the absolute discretion to accept or reject such applications, or to refuse to renew the subscription of a member.

4. Subscriptions

There shall be no fee associated with being a member of PFWBR group. Day-to-day costs of the group shall be paid for by voluntary contributions.

5. Committee

The management of the PFWBR Group shall be by Committee, consisting of officers and as many additional members as Committee deems necessary. The Committee and the following officers – Chair, Secretary and Treasurer – shall be elected at the AGM.

The Committee shall meet at such times and places as they deem fit but not less than three times a year. A quorum at Committee meetings shall be four members, which must include one of the officers. Minutes shall be taken of all the Committee proceedings, and these minutes shall be published on our Website and open for inspection by any member of the Group.

6. Authority

No person other than authorised officers of the Group shall use the name or purport to act on behalf of, or to represent, the Group unless the Committee have first granted him/her specific authority to act on behalf of the Group.

7. General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting of the Group, of which at least 21 days notice shall be given to all Members by the Secretary, shall be held during the months of September or October each year. The business of the AGM shall be to receive a report from the Committee of the activities of the past year, to receive the annual accounts after inspection by a suitable person who is not a member of the Committee, to plan activities for the future, and to consider any proposal which has been distributed with the notice of the meeting.

The Committee may at any time and shall within 21 days after receiving a request in writing from any 5 Members, summon an Extraordinary General Meeting, of which not less than 21 days notice shall be given by the Secretary to each member, specifying the business to be transacted. At the AGM and any EGM each member, as specified in section 4, including the Chair, shall have one vote, and all resolutions shall be decided by a show of hands. In the case of an equality of votes the Chair shall have a casting vote. The quorum at an AGM or EGM shall be four members, which must include one of the officers.

8. Committee Powers and Duties

The Committee shall undertake the general management and direction of the affairs and funds of the Group.

It may open a bank account, the signatories of which shall be the Treasurer, Secretary and one other named member. All financial withdrawals shall require agreement by two members.

The Group's financial year shall run from 1 October each year until 30 September in the following year.

The Group may affiliate to any organisation that has broadly similar aims and values.

9. Dissolution

If a meeting, by simple majority, decides that it is necessary to close down the Group it may call a Special General Meeting to do so. The sole business of this meeting will be to dissolve the Group.

If it is agreed to dissolve the Group, all remaining money and other assets, once outstanding debts have been paid, will be donated to a local charitable organisation with similar aims and objectives. The organisation will be agreed at the meeting which agrees the dissolution.

This constitution was agreed at the Inaugural General Meeting of the PFWBR Group on 30th July 2025.

Signed: *Angela Colliss*

Name and position in Group: Angela Colliss, Chair

Signed: *James Thompson*

Name and position in Group: James Thompson, Vice-Chair