



SOUTH EAST LONDON HUMANIST GROUP

CONSTITUTION (adopted at AGM July 2015)

1. Name and Aims:

The Group shall be called the *South East London Humanist Group* or *SELHuG*.

The aims of the Group shall be:

- To build a vibrant humanist community in SE London.
- To provide a forum for humanists and others to meet and explore, and campaign on, humanist issues.
- To increase awareness and understanding of humanism in SE London and the wider community through activities including education and celebrancy.

2. Members:

Any person may become a member on payment of the appropriate subscription.

The Group will welcome anyone who supports its aims, regardless of ability, age, gender, race, or sexual orientation.

The Group will safeguard the confidentiality of information about its Members.

3. Meetings:

A General Meeting of the Group shall take place once a year for the purposes of:

- (i) The election of officers and committee members
- (ii) To receive reports by officers
- (iii) Any other business.
- (iv) The rate of subscription shall be decided by the AGM.

Only Members of the Group will have voting rights.

The Secretary or Chair shall inform Members at least 21 days before the AGM of the opening of nominations for elections to the Committee. Nominations must be received by the Secretary at least 7 days before the AGM.

Voting: Each member present at the General Meeting shall have one vote and the Chairman shall have a casting vote only. Voting shall be by show of hands unless a majority of those present request a vote by ballot.

Special Meeting: On request signed by ten members the Secretary shall call a special meeting of the Group.

Quorum for AGM and special meetings: 10 people or 10% of membership if greater.

4. Committee:

There shall be a committee, which shall consist of the officers of the Group (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) and up to seven other members.

The Committee will administer the general business of the Group.

Any vacancies may be filled by co-option by the committee until the next AGM.

No Member shall hold the same office on the Committee for longer than three consecutive years.

5. Use of Funds:

The income and property of the Group, however derived, shall be devoted solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the Group as set forth in these rules; and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the Group.

Provision for Winding Up: In the event of the group having to be wound up, all funds achieved after payment of liabilities shall go to the British Humanist Association.

6. Other:

Partnership: The Group shall be a Partner of the British Humanist Association (BHA) as defined by the Partnership Agreement between the BHA and Group.

Amendments to the Constitution: The constitution may be amended by a majority of Members present at a General Meeting. Notice to change the constitution must be included in notice of the meeting and copies of amendments made available.