

THE ABBEY FLYER USERS' GROUP

THE CONSTITUTION

Agreed at AGM on 2 April 1996

1. OBJECTIVES: The organisation shall be known as the Abbey Flyer User's Group (ABFLY), formed in April 1995 to protect, promote and secure the future of the St Albans – Watford branch railway and to improve the level of service.
2. COMMITTEE: An elected committee will act in a management capacity to fulfil the objectives described in 1 above. The number of elected members shall not exceed 10 and not be fewer than three. Additional members may be co-opted onto the committee to serve specific purposes or to represent specific interests, eg the Parish Council.
3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be called not later than the end of May each year. Notification of the AGM will be by the Group's newsletter or by other practical method agreed by the committee, giving a minimum of 28 days' notice. The members of the committee will be elected at this meeting, which only paid-up members of the Group will be entitled to attend. Members wishing to raise items under Any Other Business must notify the Chairman or Secretary, in writing, not later than 14 days before the date of the AGM.
4. OFFICERS: The Committee may appoint a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and any other officers as circumstances warrant. A committee member may hold more than one appointment.
5. ELECTIONS: Nominations for election to the committee must be submitted in writing to the Chairman or Secretary not later than 14 days before the date of the AGM. Each nominated person must be supported by a proposer and a seconder and be willing to serve; all must be current members of the Group. Elections, where required, will be held at the AGM.
6. ACCOUNTS: The Treasurer will maintain records of income and expenditure, details of which will be presented at the AGM.
7. MEMBERSHIP FEE: The membership fee will be determined annually by the committee and will be announced at or before the AGM.
8. MEMBERSHIP: Any person wishing to join the Group will be required to submit a formal application on the prescribed form, together with the agreed membership fee, to which donations may be added. Membership will be valid until the end of the calendar year, except that anyone joining after 30th September will have membership valid until the end of the following year.

9. SUSPENSION: The committee may suspend from membership any member who, in the opinion of the majority of the committee, acts or has acted in a manner contrary to the aims and interests of the Group. On written application to the Chairman or Secretary any such suspended member may ask to present his or her case before a hearing of not fewer than three members of the committee. The hearing's decision shall be final.

10. NEGOTIATIONS: The Group's Officers will negotiate formally with the management of North London Railways, their successors and/or any other organizations as may be required, to press for improvements in all aspects of the service and to resist any further reductions in levels of that service.

11. REPRESENTATION: No member may use the name of the Group or claim to represent the Group without the authority of the committee.

12. AFFILIATION: At the committee's discretion the Group may affiliate to any relevant organization, such as the Railway Development Society, but not to any party political body.

13. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING: A Special General Meeting shall be called at the written request of 25 or more current members. At least 28 days' notice of such meeting will be given.

14. DISSOLUTION: A decision to suspend or disband the Group shall be taken only at an AGM or at a Special General Meeting of members. Any remaining assets shall be allocated to another organization having as nearly as possible similar aims or interests as those of the Group.

15. CONSTITUTION: This constitution will not be altered except by a majority vote at a general meeting of current members.

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