



Rules of Membership

Rules of the group:

1. The Group is called:
The Sussex and Kent Weald Stationary Engine Group

Being the name in normal usage, hereafter called the club.

2. The object of the Club is to maintain the interest of members in the activities of the Club.
3. The aims of the Club are the preservation and use of bygone agricultural machinery implements, tools, rural crafts and vintage machinery.
4. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by an Executive Committee together with such number of members as shall from time to time be laid down at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee shall use its best endeavours to make the membership aware of the decisions.
5. The Executive Committee shall comprise a Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Hon. Treasurer all of whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill any vacant position that arises between the Annual General Meetings.
6. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 31st March each year. Subject to fourteen days notice being given to members, a Special General Meeting may be convened by the Executive Committee or shall be convened by the Secretary upon a written request of not less than fifteen members. The object of such a meeting shall be stated in the notice. The Quorum of any General Meeting shall be 20 members. All matters other than Resolution to wind-up the Club shall not be carried except by the votes of at least two thirds of the members voting in person.
7. Application for membership shall be sent to the Membership Secretary and is subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. All members shall receive a copy of the rules of the Club on joining or in the event of a substantial change thereto.
8. Subscriptions shall be an amount determined by the Executive Committee from time to time and shall be payable in January or on application for membership and relate to the calendar year until the 31st December. Family membership shall be available to include up to two adults and their children with them being under 16 years of age on 1st January in the relevant year. Receipts shall be issued for all subscriptions.
9. Payment of a subscription entitles a member to attend all monthly and general meetings of the Club. Named members are entitled to vote.
10. Non-payment of subscriptions by 1st March or failure to comply with the rules of the Club automatically debars the member from participation in the affairs of the Club.

11. The Executive Committee shall have the power to expel any member guilty of dishonourable conduct or who in their opinion has acted in a manner prejudicial to the interest of the Club.
12. Minutes of all General and Executive Committee meetings shall be made by the Secretary and shall be entered into books kept for that purpose. They shall be read at the next appropriate meeting and on approval by the meeting signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
13. Proper books of account shall be maintained by the Honorary Treasurer; Annual accounts shall be made up to 31st December and shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting. The accounts shall have an accountants report upon them. The books and accounts shall be open for inspection by any member upon written request giving a reasonable period of notice.
14. The property of the Club shall be vested in the Safety Officer together with such other officers as may be appropriate. Any member wilfully damaging or carelessly losing such property shall be required to reimburse the Club to the value of the same.
15. Notice of any proposed alterations to these Rules specifying the desired alterations shall be sent to the Secretary at least twenty eight days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Such notice shall be embodied in the notice of such meeting. No alteration to these Rules shall be carried except by the votes of at least two thirds of the members voting in person at such Annual General Meeting.
16. In the event of the Club being wound up any money or other property shall be donated to such deserving local charity or charities as determined by the Executive Committee.