

KREAG

Kingsteignton Residents Environmental Awareness Group

Constitution

1. Formed by popular consent at a public meeting held in St. Michael's Church Hall, Chudleigh Road, Kingsteignton, on Monday the 18th of October 2004. A group to be known as Kingsteignton Residents Environmental Awareness Group (KREAG).
2. The purpose of KREAG shall be to raise awareness of proposals and plans that affect the community; to consult with and make representations/present evidence to Devon County Council, Teignbridge District Council, Kingsteignton Town Council, to any Public Examination or Inquiry and any other relevant body or organization, regarding any existing or future proposals from any public or private body or any interested party that has the potential to impact on the peoples and/or environment of Kingsteignton to such a degree that the members of KREAG deem it fit to inform the wider populous of intentions and repercussions of such proposals. To see development as an opportunity to influence and obtain better facilities, infrastructure and amenities for Kingsteignton where the development is reasonable and does not have an unacceptable impact. Where proposals are ill conceived, contrived, inept, mismanaged or unclear it is KREAG's aim to understand and communicate the issues to the wider populous.
3. KREAG shall be strictly non-political but in order to gain information and influence debate it is clear that representation at local council level is required. Where required KREAG will encourage members to seek election. Decisions taken on behalf of KREAG shall be done with no political agenda. As a non-political entity KREAG may seek registration as a charity.
4. A committee is required and shall not exceed 15 in number. However in special circumstances, it may additionally co-opt on to the committee any person who it believes can give particular assistance. At all times the committee needs to have as a minimum the following officers- Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer. The committee has the ability to create new positions that help the running of KREAG and share the responsibilities.
5. The committee shall meet whenever deemed necessary by the Chairperson and Secretary in consultation but shall meet not less than once every two months. All decisions (except removal or persons from the organisation) of the committee shall require a quorum of four, of which at least one shall be the Chairperson.
6. In the unlikely event that a member of KREAG brings the organization in to disrepute the committee has the ability to recommend the removal of said person or persons. Further to this any behaviour that is deemed to be vitriolic or abusive in manner will be deemed as bringing the organisation in to disrepute. For a member to be removed will require a quorum of five and a majority in favour of expulsion for any proposal for removal to be upheld.
7. The bank account opened in the name of KREAG shall continue, with the day to day running administered by the Treasurer. Any monies received by KREAG shall be paid into this account. All payments shall be made by cheque. The Treasurer alone may sign payments not exceeding £50. Amounts in excess of £50 shall require a second signature which shall be that of the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson or Secretary. The Treasurer shall keep accounts which shall be independently audited annually in October.
8. Residents of Kingsteignton who have achieved the age of 16 years and any such residents of surrounding towns and villages who believe they may be affected by any development as defined in section 2, shall have a membership of KREAG on completion of a membership form and the payment of the current membership fee. Membership to run until the end of the Annual General Meeting which is to be held each November.
9. KREAG shall not release any information relating to any individual that is currently covered by the Data Protection Act.
10. KREAG's all-encompassing statement of purpose is as follows – "Promoting a sustainable Community for Kingsteignton and respect for its residents both present and future".