

Constitution

Name: The Group shall be called Cotswold Fungus Group (CFG)

Aims: The Aims of the Group shall be to:

- (a) Encourage an interest and greater understanding of fungi through forays and talks, and through workshops open to members of the group.
- (b) Record, whenever possible, the fungi of the general area of the Cotswolds, comprising the Vice Counties of East Gloucestershire (VC33), West Gloucestershire (VC34) and North Wiltshire (VC7).
- (c) Publish details of its recorded findings when in a position to do so.
- (d) Interact with neighbouring county-based local fungus recording groups (Forest of Dean, Gwent, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Oxfordshire, South Wiltshire, Avon & Somerset, etc).
- (e) Increase the awareness of fungi through contact with local members of both professional and amateur groups that have environmental interests.
- (f) Promote the conservation of fungi and of threatened habitats of rare and endangered fungi.

Membership: Shall be open to all individuals who support the aims of the group.

Subscription: Shall be charged as necessary and at a rate decided by the Committee, agreed at the AGM, to cover the general running costs and Public Liability Insurance of the group's activities and membership.

Committee: The officers of the group shall hold the positions of: Chairman; Foray Organiser; Secretary; Recorder; Membership Secretary; Treasurer; Web Manager & Data Controller; and Facebook Administrator; together with such other members as elected at the Annual General Meeting, or deemed necessary by the committee.

Meetings: An AGM shall be held within 15 months of the previous AGM to receive an annual report, accounts of the previous year and to elect officers.

Voting: Shall be by a simple majority of members present.

Finance: All money received shall be devoted to the aims of the group and shall be paid into a bank in the name of Cotswold Fungus Group. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all income and expenditure and provide a report for each committee meeting and financial statement to the AGM.

Dissolution: In the event of the group being dissolved any remaining funds will be distributed, at the discretion of the committee, to benefit groups with similar aims operating in the region.

Intellectual Property: The Intellectual Property rights for fungus foray data compiled by and for the group shall be held by the Recorder. All rights of the individual collector / identifier shall be ceded to the Recorder on compiling the foray list.

Data Protection Act: The group is registered under the appropriate legislation in the name of the current Data Controller. Details of members will not be disclosed to any commercial organisation.

Amendment to the Constitution: The Constitution may be altered as and when necessary by a simple majority at any AGM for which members must be notified at least 14 days in advance.

The above was accepted and agreed at the Annual General Meeting dated 01-04-2017