

Constitution

Adopted on the 15th September 2008

1. NAME

The Name of the Group is 'STOIC'
(Southern Test Older Independent Campaigners)

2. OBJECTS

The Objects of the Group are to:

- 1 Consult with older people in Southern Test Valley
- 2 Promote the interests of older people resident in the area
- 3 Bring to the attention of statutory authorities any areas of concern or unmet need affecting older people
- 4 Consult with statutory authorities on issues of concern to older people
- 5 Bring to the attention of the public any issues of concern to older people in the area

3. POWERS

In the furtherance of the organisation's objectives, but not otherwise, the Committee may exercise the following powers to:

- 1 Co-operate with other agencies, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities in the furtherance of the organisation's objectives and to exchange information and advice with them
- 2 Appoint and constitute such advisory committee as the Committee may think fit
- 3 Promote or assist in promoting relevant research, surveys, enquiries and investigations and to publish the results thereof
- 4 Appoint trainers and other such persons as are required for the discharge of the organisation's functions
- 5 Recruit, select, train and supervise groups of volunteers who will help support the objectives of the organisation
- 6 Do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objectives

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 1 Membership of this group shall be open to:
 - a individuals 55 years of age and over who live in Southern Test Valley
 - b individuals 55 years of age and over who are interested in furthering the work of the organisation
 - c any organisation or group, corporate or unincorporated association which is interested in furthering the work of the organisation
- 2 Membership fees will be determined from time to time
- 3 Every member shall have one vote

5. MEETINGS

The organisation shall hold regular meetings provided that it holds at least four public meetings a year

6. COMMITTEE

- 1 The Committee shall consist of no more than 10 elected members
- 2 The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) by members of the organisation
- 3 All Honorary Officers are elected for a period of one year and shall not normally hold the same office for longer than three years in succession
- 4 The Committee will have the power to co-opt up to three additional voting members as required
- 5 A quorum of at least 4 committee members shall be present at each committee meeting for business to be transacted
- 6 Payments may be made to committee members only by way of reimbursement of out of pocket expenses

The duties of the Committee:

The Chair shall have overall responsibility for the Organisation, chairing all meetings and working with the Treasurer and other interested people to raise funds and seek appropriate grants and funding for the group.

The Treasurer will be responsible for keeping accounts of all income and expenditure. He/she will present a Financial Report to Committee meetings and present the accounts, duly audited for approval by members, at the AGM. Bank accounts shall be operated in the name of the organisation and withdrawals shall be made on the signature of any two nominated officers of the organisation. The Treasurer and other interested people will work with the Chair to raise funds and seek appropriate grants and funding.

The Secretary and Minutes Secretary will keep details of meetings held. Notices of meetings will be circulated to members by the Meetings Organiser not later than 7 days prior to the meeting being held.

The Membership Secretary will keep a membership list.

An auditor who is not a member of the organisation shall be elected annually to audit the accounts.

7. DISSOLUTION

After discharging all debts and liabilities of the organisation, the remaining assets will not be paid or distributed among members but will be given to a group with similar aims.

Signed :

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Appendix 1

Chair	Anne Meader
Hon Secretary	Andree North
Hon Treasurer	Dorothy Baverstock
Vice Chair	Evelyn Wheeler
Membership Secretary	Julie Gale
Newsletter Editor	Veronica Lakey
Meetings Organiser	Paul Buxton
Refreshments Organiser-Meetings	Margaret Niblett
Sub Group/ Working Group Convenor(s) e.g. Transport, Health	as required
Transport Organiser	John White
Webmaster/person	vacant