

Friends of Cockington Country Park Constitution

1. We are called the Friends of Cockington Country Park (the Friends).
2. Our purposes are:
 - A. To advise on how to protect, conserve and enhance Cockington Country Park (the Park) as a place of natural beauty, recreation and enjoyment for the long term benefit of all sections of the local community and visitors to the area
 - B. To support the improvement of recreational, environmental and education facilities in the Park
 - C. To promote wider use of the Park
 - D. In support of Purposes A to C:
In collaboration with Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust, to represent the views of Park users and to inform them of current activities and future plans for the Park.
To provide practical support to TCCT staff.
3. Membership is open to all with an interest in supporting the purposes of the Friends.
4. The following officers shall be elected at each AGM:
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice-chair
 - c. Membership Secretary
 - d. Secretary - The Friends welcome assistance with administration from TCCT staff.
5. Meetings shall be held at least four times a year and open to all.
6. A notice of each Meeting shall be displayed in the Park and on the TCCT website at least 2 weeks in advance of the date.
7. A Meeting may only take decisions at an official, advertised meeting with at least five members and an officer present.
8. An AGM shall be held in October each year. All members must receive four weeks' notice of the AGM including an agenda and any proposals to be put forward. A quorum at the AGM shall be five members.
9. An EGM can be called by a minimum of five members should there be a need to take constitutional decisions. All members must receive four weeks' notice of an EGM including an agenda and any proposals to be put forward. A quorum at the EGM shall be five members.
10. This constitution may be amended by a motion passed at an AGM or EGM by at least two thirds of the members present at the meeting.
11. Being mindful of environmental issues all communications with members shall be electronic if at all possible.

(Amended October 2015)