

Labour Land Campaign (UK)

CONSTITUTION

Article I: Name

The name of this organisation shall be the Labour Land Campaign and shall be referred to hereinafter as the LLC.

Article II: Objectives

The purpose of the LLC is to restore democratic rights in land and natural resources to the people.

We advocate and campaign for the equitable distribution of the rental income from natural resources of the planet and the wealth derived from socially-created land values. We will campaign for this to become the principal source of revenue for governments. We will actively support and encourage all endeavours of communities to own or keep their land in common.

Article III: Membership

Affiliated membership is open to trades unions, Constituency Labour Parties, trade union branches, Labour Party branches, Co-operative Party branches and the wider co-operative movement, and other organisations that support our objectives and whose membership is approved by the Executive Committee.

Individual Membership is open to any member of The Labour Party, a Trade Union or a Co-operative and those who support our objectives and whose membership is approved by the Executive Committee.

Membership applications will be considered by the Executive Committee regardless of sex, age, ethnic origin, religion, physical/mental disabilities and sexuality.

A member may be suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee for bringing the LLC into disrepute, subject to appeal at a subsequent General Meeting.

Article IV: Membership Dues

There shall be four categories of membership:

- National trade unions and funded groups
- Labour Party, Co-operative Party, trade union branches, etc.
- Voluntary groups and low income groups
- Individual membership.

Membership dues for each category shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting.

Article V: Executive Officers

Management and authority of the general membership and all standing committees shall be conducted by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following positions:

- President
- Chair
- Vice Chair (2)
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Organiser
- Trade Union Liaison Officer
- Co-operative Liaison Officer
- Press Officer
- Newsletter Editor
- IT Officer
- Research Officer

All Officers shall report to the Executive Committee.

Article VI: Duties

President

- Shall be the chief presiding officer
- Shall enforce the Constitution.

Chair

- Shall be the chairperson for both Executive Committee and General Meetings.
- Shall provide leadership and motivation.

Vice Chair

- Shall be the Chair's alternate in his/her absence.

Treasurer

- Shall be responsible for maintaining all budgetary records.
- Shall be responsible for maintaining the Bank Account.
- Shall be responsible for the collection of membership dues.

Secretary

- Shall be responsible for maintaining all meeting records and minutes.
- Shall be responsible for the conduct of correspondence.
- Shall be responsible for communications with members.

Organiser

- Shall be responsible for organising, meetings, conferences etc.
- Shall represent LLC at conferences and meetings.
- Shall work with other like minded groups to further LLC's purpose.

Trade Union Liaison Officer

- Shall further the aims of the LLC within the trade union movement.
- Shall seek the affiliation of trade union branches and trades councils to the LLC.
- Shall represent or arrange representation of the LLC at trade union conferences and other meetings of trade unionists.

Co-operative Liaison Officer

- Shall further the aims of the LLC within the co-operative movement.
- Shall seek the affiliation of Co-operative Party branches and councils to the LLC.
- Shall represent or arrange representation of the LLC at Co-operative Party conferences and other meetings of the Co-operative Party.

Press Officer

- Shall be responsible for all the LLC's publicity.
- Shall be responsible for contact with the press and the electronic media.
- Shall prepare leaflets, pamphlets and other publicity material for the LLC.

Newsletter editor

- Shall be responsible for publishing a regular newsletter to go onto the LLC website.

IT Officer

- Shall be responsible for maintaining the LLC website.

Research Officer

- Shall be responsible for general research on behalf of LLC
- Shall represent LLC at conferences and meetings.
- Shall work with other like minded groups to further LLC's purpose.

Article VII: Elections

Election of Executive Committee members shall take place at the Annual General Meeting.

All members of the LLC shall be informed with at least seven day's notice of the date for the election of Executive Committee members.

Each member of the LLC (affiliated organisation and individual) shall cast one vote for each position during the election of Executive Committee members.

The winner of the election shall be determined by exhaustive ballot in which the successful candidate shall obtain at least fifty per cent plus one of the votes cast.

Article VIII: Meetings

The LLC shall meet a minimum of once per year with a minimum notice to members of seven days.

Quorum for a general meeting of the LLC shall be six members or affiliates, at least two of whom should be officers.

Notice of meetings of the LLC shall be communicated via e-mail or postal letter.

General meetings may be open to non-members subject to the approval of members present.

Article IX: Impeachment of Officers

Executive Committee members shall hold office for a period of one year, beginning and ending immediately after Executive Committee elections have been completed.

If Executive Committee members are not fulfilling requirements stipulated in their respective job descriptions, a majority vote of the members at a General Meeting shall constitute impeachment.

Article X: Finance and Audit

Funds of the LLC shall come from membership dues, as well as from fundraising efforts.

Signing officers of the LLC shall be the Chair and/or the Treasurer.

The fiscal period of the LLC shall be the calendar year.

The LLC budget shall be passed by a majority vote of the LLC Executive Committee.

Article XI: Property

All surplus monies and all property purchased by the LLC shall be carried over to the incoming Executive Committee at the end of each calendar year.

Article XII: Constitutional Amendment

This Constitution shall become effective upon approval by a majority (fifty percent plus one) of the Annual General Meeting.

Hereinafter, this Constitution may be amended at a meeting of the general membership by a two-thirds majority vote of those members present.

Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing at least twenty-one days before the meeting.

Article XIII: Winding Up

In the event of the winding up of the LLC, all residual assets shall be passed on to an appropriate organisation with similar objectives to the LLC, or, failing that, donated to charity.