

Labour Land Campaign

# 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 sexual orientation.

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

## **Article IV: Executive Committee**

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

The Executive Committee shall comprise the following Officers:

- President
- Chair
- Vice Chair (2)
- Secretary

- Treasurer
- Organiser
- Trade Union Liaison Officer
- Co-operative Liaison Officer
- Communications Director
- IT Officer
- Newsletter Editor
- Research Officer

All Officers shall report to the Executive Committee.

## **Article V: Duties**

### President

- Shall be the chief presiding officer
- Shall enforce the Constitution
- Shall provide leadership and motivation.

### Chair

- Shall be responsible with the Secretary for setting the agenda of General Meetings
- Shall be responsible for the conduct of General Meetings
- Shall help provide leadership and motivation.

### Vice Chair

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

### Secretary

- Shall be responsible for making the arrangements for General Meetings and notifying the membership
- 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 and the collection of membership dues.

### Treasurer

- Shall be responsible for managing the LLC Bank Account
- Shall be responsible for producing the LLC annual accounts and regular financial statements.

#### Organiser

- Shall be responsible for outreach, including organising meetings, conferences, and so on, and working with other like-minded groups to further the LLC's objectives.

#### 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.

#### Communications Director

- Shall be responsible for all the LLC's publicity
- Shall be responsible for contact with the press and the electronic media.

#### IT Officer

- Shall be responsible for maintaining the LLC website
- Shall be responsible for the security policies of the LLC website and other personal data held electronically for LLC purposes.

#### Newsletter editor

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

#### Research Officer

- Shall be responsible for proactive or reactive research on behalf of the LLC

### **Article VI: 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 days' 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 VII: 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 VIII: Finance**

The LLC annual accounts shall be approved by a majority vote of the LLC Annual General Meeting.

Authorised signatories of the LLC Bank Account(s) shall be the President, the Chair, the Treasurer, and the Secretary, cheques over £200 to be signed by at least two of the above-mentioned officers.

### **Article IX: 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 X: Constitutional Amendment**

The LLC 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 XI: 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.

*[Approved at Labour Land Campaign General Meeting 26 July 2014]*