<u>Loddon Fisheries and Conservation</u> <u>Consultative</u>

Details of the LFCC Committee and their contact details are posted on the LFCC website.

CONSTITUTION RULES

Consultative Association Aim: Improve and develop fisheries, angling and conservation interests in the Loddon Catchment Area

1. TITLE

The name of the Association shall be the Loddon Fisheries and Conservation Consultative Association, hereinafter called "the Consultative".

- 2. OBJECTS The Objects of the Consultative Association shall be:-
- a. To co-ordinate and forward the views of members in the interests of fisheries, angling and conservation in the Loddon catchment.
- b. To co-operate with any authority or other organisation provided such co-operation is in the interests of fisheries, angling and conservation.
- c. To collect and disseminate information on matters relevant to fisheries, angling and conservation interests.
- d. To ensure representation of fisheries, angling and conservation interests for the area covered by the Consultative and to make recommendations to Government and others on the appointment of persons to represent those interests on Fisheries Advisory and other appropriate committees.
- e. To facilitate and participate in any projects and initiatives that may further the improvement of fisheries, angling and conservation interests for the area covered by the Consultative.
- 3. MEMBERSHIP Membership of the Consultative shall be open to:
 - a. Riparian owners, lessees and tenants of fisheries in the area covered by the Consultative.
 - b. Angling clubs and associations based in or with fisheries in the said area.
 - c. Such other organisations or individuals who may be actively interested in the preservation of angling, fisheries and conservation or the prevention of pollution and who may be elected to membership of the Consultative.
 - d. The membership period shall run from 1st January to 31st December of the current year
 - 4. OFFICERS The Officers of the Consultative shall be:
 - a. Chairman, , Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer.
 - b. Where deemed necessary, an/the officer(s) shall represent the Consultative, either in person or on-line at events that may be of benefit to the Consultative or its members.
 - c. All Officers shall retire at the Annual General Meeting but may be eligible for reelection.

MEETINGS

- a. The Consultative shall meet quarterly. The Spring meeting shall also be preceded by the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Except in the case of the AGM, a quarterly meeting may be cancelled if the Officers consider there is insufficient business to be discussed and in which case all members will be notified of such cancellation. In the event of being unable to hold a face to face meeting, the AGM may be held online.
- b. Twenty-eight days notice of the AGM and other general meetings shall be given by posting a notice on the LFCC website.
- c. An Extra-ordinary Meeting (EGM) of the Association may be called at the request of the Officers or at least one third of the membership of the Consultative the Association Twenty-eight days notice shall be given by posting on the LFCC website and shall specify date, time and venue together with the reason for calling the meeting.
- d. Representation from at least one third of the membership of the Consultative shall constitute a quorum.
- e. Each member organization shall have 2 votes and each individual member, that does not belong to a member organisation, shall have one vote. Only fully paid up members are permitted to vote.
 - (v) Riparian owners who are not otherwise represented by a member organisation and who regularly attend meetings shall be entitled to one vote.
 - (i) The Hon Secretary shall maintain a register of member organisations and their membership numbers together with a register of riparian owners and their nominated representatives.

6. FINANCE

- a. The Association shall raise such funds considered necessary for the furtherance of its aims and objects, such funds to be used solely and exclusively for that purpose.
- b. The amount of subscription to be paid by each member shall be determined at the AGM and shall be paid to the Hon Treasurer within one month of receiving an invoice.
- a. The financial year shall end on 31st December.
- b. The funds of the Association shall be kept in a bank account in the name of the Association and the Hon Treasurer shall present to the AGM a Statement of Accounts.
- 7. the Consultative may authorise the Hon Treasurer to reimburse reasonable expenses to any person deputed to act on behalf of the Consultative.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

a. The Consultative may appoint such committee members as may be necessary for the furtherance of its objects and may co-opt persons with specialised knowledge if considered appropriate. This is the case with the adopted Steering Group.

9. ALTERATION OF RULES

- a. Alteration to these Rules may only be made at the AGM or at an EGM of the Association.
- b. Notices of Motion for alteration to rules must be received by the Hon Secretary in time for all members to be notified twenty-eight days in advance in accordance with Rules 5(b) and 5(c).
- c. No resolution to amend these Rules shall be deemed to be carried unless it is supported by at least two thirds of the membership present and voting at the meeting at which it is considered.

9. DISSOLUTION

Should the Association be dissolved for any reason any balance of funds to the credit of the Association shall be passed to the another body to be used for the benefit of fisheries in the Loddon and Blackwater catchment. This could include the Angling Trust, SOLVE, SERT, LCP.