

Wembury Voluntary Marine Conservation Area  
Advisory Group Constitution

Adopted at the Annual General Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1989 and amended at the Annual General Meeting held 18 November 2009.

1. The name shall be the Wembury Marine Conservation Area Advisory Group (hereinafter referred to as “the Group”).
2. The objectives for which the Group is established are as follows;
  - a) To promote the conservation and study of the Wembury Marine Conservation Area as defined in the accompanying map.
  - b) To promote the education of the public, school children and students in the principles of marine conservation by the use of various interpretive media with due regard to intensifying pressures on a vulnerable site.
3. The income of the Group shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objectives as set forth and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to individuals of the Group except as reimbursement for reasonable expenses.
4. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Group there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any assets whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Group but shall be given or transferred to some charitable institution or organization having objectives similar to that of the Group.
5. Membership is open to any recognized organization with an interest in the marine life of the conservation area and each may nominate ONE representative to the Group. This does not prevent individual members of member organizations becoming individual members in accordance with paragraph 6.
6. Membership is also open to individual members who, although not representing a particular organization, can by virtue of their specialist knowledge or particular interest make a valuable contribution to the objectives of the Group or should be kept informed of its activities.
7. Each represented organization or individual shall pay to the Group such single, annual or other periodic subscription as that organization or individual may deem necessary to further the objectives of the Group.
8. Management.

The affairs of the Group shall be managed by a Management Committee which shall comprise;

  - a) The offices of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Such offices shall be honorary.  
PLUS not more than TEN members of the Group.  
PLUS not more than FIVE members to be co-opted by the Management Committee if required.

- b) At each AGM all Management Committee members shall retire, but are eligible for re-election without prejudice.
  - c) Those organizations actively involved in the wardening of Wembury will be automatically given a seat on the Management Committee.
- 9. Any casual vacancy in the Management Committee may be filled by the Management Committee.
- 10. A Management Committee meeting may be deemed quorate so long as the number of members be not reduced below THREE.
- 11. Group Meetings.
  - a) Group meetings shall be held at such times and place as may be determined by the Management Committee.
  - b) The Group shall hold an Annual General Meeting during the month of November or December each year, the Management Committee giving at least 21 days notice to members.
  - c) No business shall be transacted at the AGM unless a quorum of 10 voting members is present when the meeting proceeds to business.
  - d) An annual report shall be presented to the AGM by the retiring Management Committee.
- 12. Voting at Meetings.

There shall be one vote only for each organization or individual member present. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have an additional casting vote. Co-opted members shall be entitled to vote at Management Committee meetings.
- 13. Accounts.
  - a) The Group shall cause accounting records to be kept by the Honorary Treasurer.
  - b) The financial year shall run from 1 November – 31 October.
  - c) A balance sheet and operating cost statement shall be presented at the AGM.