

ALSAGER GARDENS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION and RULES

1 NAME

The Name of the Association shall be the "Alsager Gardens Association"

2 OBJECTIVES

The objects of the Association shall be

- to assist members in all matters tending to promote the good management and cost-effective cultivation of all gardens
- to increase the awareness of and generate interest in, the pleasure of gardening as a healthy, worthwhile and stimulating hobby
- to encourage residents to take pride in the surroundings of their properties and the appearance of the town in general.
- to provide members with access to purchase seeds, plants and fertilisers at reasonable rates
- to provide the cost-effective management of the Alsager Allotment Sites by undertaking a range of administrative and practical tasks in relation to plot rental and site management
- to promote the value of allotments within the community and the benefits to an individual's health and wellbeing
- to promote and increase equality of access to all allotment sites within the Alsager Community by ensuring that the allotments are suitable for wheelchair users, individuals with visual impairment, those with mobility issues and others and in providing a learning environment for pre-school children.
- To promote equality of opportunity and diversity and recognise that members, plot holders, volunteers and all others should not experience discrimination on any grounds.

3 GOVERNANCE

The business of the Association shall be conducted by the Executive Committee which shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

The Officers of the Committee shall consist of a President, Chair Person, Treasurer and Secretary

4 MEMBERSHIPS

All applications for membership shall be made using the appropriate membership form, in person at the Trading Hut or by email to the Secretary at alsagergardensassociationsecretary@outlook.com.

All memberships will automatically include affiliation to the NAS. <https://www.nsalg.org.uk>

5 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Each member shall pay an annual subscription, the amount to be determined at the annual meeting of the association each year and shall be due immediately thereafter. Any member more than one year in arrears will not be entitled to any benefits until the outstanding arrears and the current year's subscription have been paid.

6 PURCHASE OF GOODS

All seeds, plants, tool and appliances etc purchased by members from the Association shall be for personal use only and not for use in any trade or profession. Such purchases shall be paid for at the time of collection. Any member purchasing seeds, plants or fertilisers through the Association, for the use of non-members, shall be liable to a fine or expulsion from the Association at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

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7 QUORUMS

A Quorum of the General Meeting shall be eleven.
A Quorum of the Executive Committee shall be 5

8 NOMINATION OF ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

The Executive Committee shall recommend to the Annual General Meeting a nomination for President. If approved by those present, they will remain in office until they resign.

9 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Annual General Meeting shall appoint a Chairman and Secretary and Treasurer who shall hold office for a period of one year. The Executive Committee shall appoint other officers as it sees fit and fill any temporary officer or committee vacancies at its discretion.

10 REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

Any member of the Association may be removed by a resolution of the Executive Committee. In the event of a proposed removal the individual involved has the right of appeal and, if desired, to be accompanied by another adult at the appeal hearing.

11 RESOLUTIONS

Any resolution other than a Rule Change at the Annual General Meeting or Executive Committee Meeting shall be decided by a majority vote of those present.

12 CASTING VOTES

The Chairman of the Annual General Meeting and the Executive Committee shall have a casting vote at the respective meetings.

13 AUDITS

The accounts will be audited annually by a suitably qualified person as legally required.

14 DISOLUTION

In the unlikely event of the AGA being wound up for any reason, all remaining assets will be passed to any other local groups with similar aims and objectives or to any charities who support the local environment.

15 AMENDMENTS OF RULES

No motion to rescind or alter any of the foregoing rules shall be in order unless the terms of such motions shall be in writing signed by the member proposing the motion and one other member and shall distinctly state the nature and substance of such motions and shall be delivered to the Secretary not less than seven clear days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Association. No motion to rescind or alter any of the foregoing rules shall be carried unless two-thirds of the members present, and voting shall vote for such motion.

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