

# **CONSTITUTION**

## Steady State Manchester

Adopted on

### **Name**

The name of the association is **Steady State Manchester** (“SSM” in the text below)

### **Objects**

The objects of the association are:

- **To promote the ideas of a Steady State Economy and Managed De-growth in Manchester and the surrounding area.**
- **To publish reports, pamphlets, audio-visual material in furtherance of the promotion of a Steady State Economy and Managed De-growth in Manchester.**
- **To intervene in public debates, respond to consultations, produce media releases relevant to the promotion of a Steady State Economy and Managed De-growth in Manchester**
- **To conduct research relevant to the Steady State Economy.**
- **To work with other organisations and individuals to develop practical projects that realise some of the goals of a Steady State Economy. However, SSM will not itself make investments in or incur liabilities for such ventures.**

### **Powers**

In furtherance of the objects, the Management Committee may exercise the following powers:

- **Raise funds and receive contributions (within the requirements of the law)**
- **Power to buy, lease or receive in donation any property or equipment necessary to achieve the objects**
- **Power to sell, lease or dispose of property of the association**
- **Power to co-operate with charities, voluntary bodies and statutory organisations in furtherance of the objects or for similar charitable purposes, and to exchange information and advice**
- **Power to do all such other lawful things as necessary for the achievement of the objects.**

## **Membership**

1). Membership will be open to any individual who supports SSM's objects. Members pay an annual subscription as determined by the SSM collective subject to agreement at the Annual General Meeting.

## **SSM Collective**

The SSM Collective is the Executive Committee of SSM. It consists of between 4 and 10 members. Members are elected on a rolling basis at the AGM: three members, or a third of the collective membership (whichever is smaller) retires each year. Members can be re-elected repetitively, without limit to the number of times.

The SSM Collective will hold at least four meetings each year. SSM Collective meetings will be quorate when at least two thirds of the members are present.

At the AGM the following officers will be elected.:

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer

In addition, up to 7 further places on the Collective may be filled by election at the AGM or by co-optation by the Collective itself.

The role of the SSM Collective shall be to further the objects of the association.

The SSM Collective will make decisions on the basis of consensus. Exceptionally, where this cannot be reached then decisions will be made by means of a majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the chairperson will have an additional casting vote.

No member of the SSM Collective shall acquire any interest in property belonging to the association or receive remuneration in any contract entered into by the SSM Collective.

## **Receipts and expenditure**

All funds of the organisation will be paid into an account in the name of the association, operated by the SSM Collective. All cheques must be signed by at least two members of the SSM Collective. The funds shall only be used in furthering the objects of the association. The collective will have the power to

establish standing financial instructions to cover other payments, such as electronic payments and automatic payments (standing orders and direct debits).

## **General Meetings**

An Annual General Meeting shall be held, as close as possible to the anniversary of the last AGM, each year. Twenty-one days' notice will be given to members of the date of the AGM. Members must notify the Secretary of any business to be discussed not less than seven days before the meeting.

Business of the AGM shall include:

- Confirmation of minutes of previous AGM
- Presentation and agreement of accounts for previous year
- Annual report of activities of the association from the chair or secretary
- Election of management committee
- Agreement of subscription rates for the coming year
- Any other business received by the secretary.

The chair of the SSM Collective will chair the AGM. Decisions made at the AGM will be by majority vote of those members attending. In the event of equal votes, the chair will have a second casting vote.

General meetings will be quorate when a minimum of one third of the members are present.

Special general meetings may be convened by members of SSM Collective on receipt by the secretary of a request in writing from not less than six members, or three collective members. The written notice should state the business to be discussed. At least 21 days notice of the meeting shall be given to members.

## **Consultative Meetings**

The SSM Collective may call consultative meetings. The purpose is to advise on the overall policy of SSM.

## **Alterations to the constitution**

Any proposed alteration to this constitution may only be considered at an AGM or Special General Meeting. Any alteration must be proposed and seconded by a member. Alterations will be passed if supported by not less

than two thirds of those members present at the meeting, assuming that a quorum has been reached.

**Dissolution**

If at any general meeting a resolution is passed calling for the dissolution of SSM, the secretary shall immediately convene a special general meeting to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.

If at the Special General Meeting the meeting is quorate and the resolution is carried by two thirds of the members, the management committee shall realise the assets of SSM and discharge all debts and liabilities.

After discharging all debts and liabilities, the remaining assets of the association shall be given to another voluntary organisation will similar objects to SSM, and shall not be distributed amongst members.

This constitution was adopted on \_\_\_\_\_ by the persons whose signatures appear at the bottom of this document.

Signed:

Chair.....

Secretary.....

Treasurer.....