

CONSTITUTION of the Oxford Ecology Movement

1: Object

The object shall be to prepare for, and contest, the next general election in Oxford constituency, in accordance with the aims of the Movement.

2: Aims

The aims of the Movement shall be to promote the use of ecological principles in government, in accordance with the philosophical basis of the Movement's policies, as laid down in the Manifesto.

3: Membership

i: Membership is open to any person over the age of 15 who subscribes to the aims of the Movement.

ii: The subscription fee for membership shall be £2.00 .

iii: A membership card shall be issued as a receipt for the fee.

iv: Only members who have paid the membership fee may vote on the business of the Movement or hold office in it.

4: Organisation

i: The founding committee of the Movement shall take all decisions on behalf of the Movement until the first general meeting.

ii: At the first general meeting there shall be an election of an Executive Committee which shall comprise not less than 7 nor more than 11 members.

iii: The first general meeting of the Movement shall be held not later than 20 August 1978.

iv: The Executive Committee shall elect a chairman, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as its business may require.

5: Meetings

i: One week's notice shall be given to members of the time and place of general meetings and of the business to be transacted there.

ii: The quorum for general meetings shall be 10 or the least whole number exceeding 1/4 of the membership, whichever is the larger.

iii: The quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee shall be 4 or the least whole number in excess of 1/2 of the membership of that Committee, whichever is the larger.

6: Voting

i: Resolutions to change the Constitution or the philosophical basis of the Manifesto or to wind up the Movement shall require the receipt of two thirds (or the least whole number exceeding two thirds) of votes cast at a general meeting either in person or by proxy.

ii: Selection at a general meeting of the Movement's candidate for the general election shall proceed as follows:

a: there shall be a ballot in which members may cast a vote for one contender

b: the lowest-scoring contender shall stand down and the procedure shall be repeated.

c: such ballots shall continue until, of the two remaining contenders, one shall receive a simple majority.

d: votes may be cast in person or by proxy.

e: contenders must be members of the Movement and must secure the initial support of 2 members

6: Voting (continued)

iii: Only members of the Movement may vote as proxy for another member.

iv: All resolutions at a general meeting other than those described in clauses (i) and (ii) shall require the receipt of a simple majority of votes cast by those present at a meeting.

7: Manifesto

The initial manifesto shall be that written by the founding committee, headed "Draft no. 1" and dated July 1978.

8: Modification of the Object

In accordance with the object of the Movement, a general meeting shall be held not later than one month after the next general election, to determine whether the Movement shall alter its object so as to remain in existence after that time, or to merge or combine with other organisations.

9: Winding up

In the event that the Movement shall be wound up, all monies remaining after settlement of debts shall be given to such body or for such purpose as shall be decided by the general meeting described in section 3 above.

Adopted by a meeting of the Founding Committee on 24 July 1978

Gordon Thompson, Chairman

Addition to 1.
Insert after constituency? "and any local elections that may arise up to and including the day of the General Election".

We certify that this is a true and up to date copy of the rules of the organisation.

11th April 1979

Secretary

(Acting) Chairman