

Cumbria Local History Federation

Proposed new Constitution

It is proposed that we amend the existing Constitution to bring it in line to obtain Charity status.

The benefit of the new Constitution for Members and other relevant parties will mean that the changes ensure Members do not lose control of their organisation. The Federation will be regulated, achieve a higher profile in the eyes of Future funders, new Members and the media, whilst providing continuity.

The Charity Commission requires public record of the Federation be maintained timely and accurately, an annual return to be completed and audited accounts to be filed. The Committee is satisfied that these requirements are not too onerous and will provide confidence in the Federation. It will save potential funders and other interested parties undertaking research as they will be able to rely on the records of the Commission. It may be possible with agreement with HMRC that individual subscriptions may be eligible for Gift Aid, thereby providing a useful source of additional income.

The Committee will still be elected by the Members at every Annual General Meeting.

There will be 3 Trustees of the Federation. The Chair of the Committee will become ex-officio a Trustee. Two other Trustees, who are not Members of the Committee, will be elected by the Members at an Annual General Meeting. They will serve for a 3 year period and be eligible for re-election three times. The Trustees will provide some continuity to satisfy the Charity Commission and potential funders.

The Committee recommends this amended Constitution to the Members, which will be subject to a vote at the Annual General Meeting.

John H. Poland

Treasurer

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