

## **Long Mynd Soaring Association.**

The aim of the Association is to act as a focus for those using the Long Mynd for flying model gliders. The association will also liaise with the owners of the Long Mynd, The National Trust, on behalf of the members.

It is the Associations policy to promote safe flying and where practically possible the BMFA code of conduct and guidelines on safety will be followed.

It is also the Associations policy to respect the environment and minimise the impact of its members on the flying sites.

### **Constitution**

1. The Association will be known as the Long Mynd Soaring Association.
2. The elected governing body will be known as the Committee and will consist of :
  - i) A Chairman
  - ii) A Secretary
  - iii) A Treasurer
  - iv) A maximum of 3 further Committee Members
3. Committee elections shall be held annually at the AGM.
4. All Committee Members shall be re-elected each year.
5. Four Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of a Committee meeting.
6. All Committee members shall have equal voting rights, with the Chairman exercising the casting vote when necessary.
7. There shall be 1 class of membership:  
Senior - 16 years of age and over.
8. The Association shall have a set of rules that are binding on all members.
9. The Committee shall introduce, delete or amend these rules as required.
10. The Associations financial year shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> December to the following 30<sup>th</sup> November.
11. The Associations funds shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer.
12. All cheques drawn on the Associations accounts shall be signed by the Treasurer and either the Chairman or the Secretary, except in the case of 13 below.
13. In the case of a Force Majeure, the Committee may authorise cheques to be signed by the Chairman and Secretary.
14. Annual Accounts and a statement of current Association assets shall be presented at the AGM. The Association Accounts will be made available for the members to view at the AGM.
15. Subscription levels shall be determined annually by the Committee and presented at the AGM.
16. The AGM shall be held in December each year.
17. The Secretary may call an Extraordinary General Meeting should it be deemed necessary by either the Committee or by one fifth of the current membership of the Association. Should sufficient members be found to call an EGM their names shall be registered with the Secretary and read out prior to commencement of the meeting. At least four weeks notice must be given for any EGM.
18. The committee shall review the constitution before each AGM.
19. Proposed changes to the constitution will be specified in the notice calling the general meeting.
20. The committee may propose the dissolution of the Association. The committee will arrange an EGM or Postal ballot to be held. Three quarters of the total membership voting against the further existence of the Association shall cause its dissolution. Any estate left after settling any liabilities will be given or transferred to another voluntary organisation having similar objectives to those of the Long Mynd Soaring Association.

## **Rules**

1. All matters discussed and agreed by the Committee shall be binding on the Association. The Committee's decision shall be regarded as final in all cases.
2. All members shall belong to the BMFA.
3. The membership year shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December inclusive.
4. All Members shall strictly observe the Association rules, codes of conduct and any other instruments currently in force. The Committee shall have the right to discipline any member for breaches of rules, codes of conduct or for any other reason deemed not to be in the best interest of the Association. The Committee shall have the right to terminate the membership of any Association member should it feel that this is necessary in the interests of the Association.
5. Members shall be familiar with and strictly observe the codes of conduct relevant for the flying site that they are operating from.
6. Members shall carry their membership and BMFA cards at all times when flying models from Association flying sites. These cards must be produced if requested by officials from the National Trust, Committee Members or any other Association member.
7. The Association recognises the need to be constantly aware of safety during all flying activities. All members shall strictly observe the BMFA and Association guidelines on safety.
8. Any matters not covered by the forgoing shall be discussed and actioned by the Committee as appropriate.
9. Guests of members of the Association may fly from Association sites provided that they are covered by insurance equivalent to that provided by the BMFA. The host member shall be responsible for the conduct of their guest.
10. Any member or their guest involved in an accident involving model aircraft when flying from Association sites must inform a committee member of the details of the accident within 48 hours of the accident.

## **Code of Conduct for flying on the Long Mynd**

1. Vehicles shall only be parked in areas approved by the National Trust.
2. Each transmitter shall bear a correct frequency pennant.
3. If the transmitter is to be operated away from the main group of flyers, details of the frequency in use shall be left with the other flyers.
4. All litter, broken rubber bands and remains of models to be taken home.
5. The launch site at Ashes Hollow must not be used between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 15<sup>th</sup> July (Or as otherwise advised by the National Trust)
6. A 'Peg Off' frequency control system shall be used.