

# Friends of Heaton Chapel Station Constitution

**1 The group shall be called “Friends of Heaton Chapel Station”**

**2 The aims of the group are:**

To promote practical environmental enhancement works especially by volunteers for the benefit of the community and train passengers.

To publicise and raise awareness of the benefits of ‘green transport plans’, the train, and attractions of the station area and its environs to increase station ‘footfall’.

To encourage community involvement and ownership, particularly by young people and schools, in conservation, environment and associated education artworks, poetry, competition, etc. at the station and its environs.

To encourage local businesses to improve their own properties and in sponsoring environmental enhancements at the station area.

To campaign for improved infrastructure facilities and services.

To work in partnership with ALL stakeholders to achieve these aims.

**3 To fulfil these aims the group will:**

a) Undertake practical environmental, conservation, recycling works and other activities as they see fit.

b) Encourage partnerships with other like-minded groups to undertake such works.

c) Raise money/funding when necessary including by means of awards, grants and sponsorship for carrying out the aims of the group.

d) Publicise their activities and achievements.

**4 The area is generally the environs Heaton Chapel Station and the adjacent areas.**

**5 The organisation shall apply for membership of The Association of Community Rail Partnerships.**

**6 Membership shall be open to anyone interested in taking part in, or supporting, the works of the organisation.**

**7 The organisation shall hold four meetings including an AGM each year to discuss its policy and administration. All members shall be entitled to attend and the meetings shall be fully advertised, especially at Heaton Chapel Station.**

**8 A committee and subcommittees shall be appointed as required to conduct the administration of the organisation. This committee (which will include a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer) will be in charge of the day to day running of the organisation, but will be answerable to meetings of members.**

**9 There shall be an annual subscription to help pay necessary expenses – to be fixed at a members' meeting at such a rate as is from time to time thought appropriate.**

**10 Accounts shall be kept by the treasurer, submitted to an independent inspection and approved at a members' meeting.**

**11 The organisation shall obtain any necessary insurance for volunteers on its projects, and for injuries to third persons, and damage to property.**

**12 This Constitution shall only be altered by consent of a majority of the members of the organisation.**

### **13 Dissolution of the Friends of Heaton Chapel Station**

#### **a) Procedure**

In order to dissolve the Friends of Heaton Chapel Station, a resolution shall be passed at any annual general, special general, or extraordinary general meeting by a majority of the members present and entitled to vote.

#### **b) Realisation and distribution of assets**

The assets of the Friends of Heaton Chapel Station shall be realised and disposed of as follows :-

All 'Friends' assets shall be sold and the proceeds of the sale together with the balance standing to the credit of the 'Friends' shall be held to pay outstanding debts.

All outstanding debts shall then be settled.

Subsequently the Treasurer shall prepare a final statement of account and any net balance shall be donated to the Association of Community Rail Partnerships, ACoRP, remaining at the date of the dissolution of the 'Friends'.