

Notice of Proposed changes to the SGRA constitution for discussion at the 2018 AGM

At a recent committee meeting it was noted that the constitution of the SGRA, which was drawn up in 1977 and last amended in 2002 could benefit from updating in certain respects. The proposed changes are listed below. These will be discussed at the AGM and will require a two thirds majority to be approved. A copy of the full constitution can be found on the SGRA website on the "About" page: <http://www.springgrovekingston.co.uk/about.php>

Item 4b. Remove "and shall not be required to pay a subscription" as this point is not necessary.

Current version of 4b: Associate membership: representatives of industry whose premises are situated with the area, together with well-wishers, may become Associate Members at the discretion of the Committee. Associate Members shall not have the right to vote at Members' Meetings and shall not be required to pay a subscription.

Proposed version of 4b: Associate membership: representatives of industry whose premises are situated with the area, together with well-wishers, may become Associate Members at the discretion of the Committee. Associate Members shall not have the right to vote at Members' Meetings.

Item 5: Remove the requirement to pay a subscription

Current version of 5: Subscriptions: The annual subscription will be 25p per annum, or such other sum (if any) as the Committee may, from time to time, decide.

Proposed version of 5: Subscription: There will be no annual subscription, charge or levy for membership.

Item 6e: Add an item pertaining to the committee

(6e) In exceptional circumstances, the Committee will have the power to suspend membership of the Committee to any member whose behaviour is not in keeping with the open, tolerant and collaborative nature of SGRA. Such suspension can only be made after arbitration organised by the Chair and Secretary and thereafter by a vote agreed by minimum of 75% of all Committee members. Suspension will be for between one and six months or until the next AGM, whichever is soonest. The decision should be reported to the subsequent AGM.

Item 7a: Amend the requirements to hold a full committee meeting from once every 3 calendar months to the requirement to meet at least 3 times a year.

Current version of 7a: -The full Committee shall meet not less than once every 3 calendar months.

Proposed version of 7a: The full Committee will meet at least three times every year

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