

Kidical Mass Reading and Wokingham Constitution

1. Name

The name of the group shall be Kidical Mass Reading and Wokingham.

2. Aims

The aims of Kidical Mass Reading and Wokingham will be:

- To provide fun, family themed rides in the Reading and Wokingham area
- To provide a safe and enjoyable experience of cycling and wheeling on public streets, especially for the younger and other more vulnerable users.
- To campaign for public streets to be made safe and accessible to cyclists and wheelers of all types, ages, and physical abilities.
- To celebrate the freedom given by independent, affordable, and sustainable travel modes.
- To attract, include, and represent a wide breadth of the public (families, ethnicities, age groups).
- To collaborate with local authorities and organisations to help them improve facilities for cycling
- To provide children and families with the skills and equipment to be able to cycle.

3. Membership

Membership is open to anyone who is aged 12 years or above AND supports the aims of Kidical Mass Reading and Wokingham. You must have attended at least 3 Kidical Mass rides to be able to apply for membership and apply via emailing admin@kidicalmassreading.com.

The Committee reserves the right to reject applications.

Membership is free.

A list of all members will be kept by the membership secretary. Members have the right to vote for committee members,

Where a member has a conflict of interest due to personal relationships with another member than they will be treated as one vote.

Ceasing to be a member.

Members may resign at any time in writing to the secretary by emailing admin@kidicalmassreading.co.uk

Any offensive behaviour, including racist, sexist, transphobic, homophobic or inflammatory remarks, will not be permitted. Anyone behaving in an offensive way may be asked not to attend further meetings or to resign from the group if an apology is not given or the behaviour is repeated. The individual concerned shall have the right to be heard by the management committee, accompanied by a friend, before a final decision is made.

4. Equal Opportunities

Kidical Mass Reading and Wokingham will not discriminate on the grounds of sex, race (including colour, ethnic or national origin), sexual orientation, disability, gender reassignment, religious or political belief, pregnancy or maternity, marital status or age.

5. Officers and committee

The business of the group will be carried out by a Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee will meet as necessary and not less than 2 times a year.

The Committee will consist of up to 12 committee members, distinct from general members, and be composed of 5 officers and up to 7 voted committee members. Only the committee members have the right to vote, unless the committee feels that this should go to the wider membership vote. Election of the committee will happen at the AGM. If there are vacant positions then additional members may be co-opted during the year at the discretion of the committee.

You can only be nominated for Committee if you've attended 2 meetings, other than the first meeting.

The officers' roles are as follows:

- Chair, who shall chair both general and committee meetings
- Secretary, who shall be responsible for the taking of minutes and the distribution of all papers
- Treasurer who shall be responsible for maintaining accounts
- Membership Secretary
- Wokingham Officer - to ensure that the Wokingham group are represented

The committee officers and committee members will be elected at the AGM.

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Any committee member not attending a meeting without apology for three months will be contacted by the committee and asked if they wish to resign.

6. Meetings

6.1. Annual General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held within fifteen months of the previous AGM.

All members will be notified in writing at least 3 weeks before the date of the meeting, giving the venue, date and time.

Nominations for the committee may be made to the Secretary before the meeting, or at the meeting.

The quorum for the AGM will be 40% of the membership or 5 members, whichever is the greater number.

At the AGM:-

- The Committee will present a report of the work of Kidical Mass Reading and Wokingham over the year.
- The Committee will present the accounts of Kidical Mass Reading and Wokingham for the previous year.
- The officers and Committee for the next year will be elected.
- Any proposals given to the Secretary at least 7 days in advance of the meeting will be discussed. Unless agreed by the committee that it's less.
- 2 non conflicted members
- Do we want an external reportant accountant? (non paid)

6.2 Special General Meetings

The Secretary will call a Special General Meeting at the request of the majority of the committee or at least 3 other members giving a written request to the Chair or Secretary stating the reason for their request.

The meeting will take place within twenty-one days of the request.

All members will be given two days' notice of such a meeting, giving the venue, date, time and agenda, and notice may be by telephone, email or post.

The quorum for the Special General Meetings will be 25% of the membership or 3 members, whichever is the greater number.

6.4 Committee Meetings

Committee meetings may be called by the Chair or Secretary. Committee members must receive notice of meetings at least 7 days before the meeting.

The quorum for Committee meetings is three Committee members.

7. Rules of Procedure for meetings

All questions that arise at any meeting will be discussed openly and the meeting will seek to find general agreement that everyone present can agree to.

If a consensus cannot be reached a vote will be taken and a decision will be made by a simple majority of members present. If the number of votes cast on each side is equal, the chair of the meeting shall have an additional casting vote.

8. Finances

An account will be maintained on behalf of the Association at a bank agreed by the committee. Three cheque signatories will be nominated by the Committee (one to be the Treasurer). The signatories must not be related nor members of the same household.

All payments will be signed by two of the signatories. Every expense has to be approved by at least 2 signatories, and the approval held by the treasurer

Records of income and expenditure will be maintained by the Treasurer and a financial statement given at each meeting.

All money raised by or on behalf of Kidical Mass Reading and Wokingham is only to be used to further the aims of the group, as specified in item 2 of this constitution.

9. Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments to the constitution may only be made at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.

Any proposal to amend the constitution must be given to the Secretary in writing. The proposal must then be circulated with the notice of meeting.

Any proposal to amend the constitution will require a two thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

10. Dissolution

If a meeting, by simple majority, decides that it is necessary to close down the group it may call a Special General Meeting to do so. The sole business of this meeting will be to dissolve the group.

If it is agreed to dissolve the group, all remaining money and other assets, once outstanding debts have been paid, will be donated to a local charitable organisation. The organisation will be agreed at the meeting which agrees the dissolution.

This constitution was agreed at the Inaugural General Meeting of the Kidical Mass Reading and Wokingham on:-

Date 14 / 01 / 2024

Name and position in group SIMON SMART

Signed [Signature]

Name and position in group Kat Heath Chairperson

Signed [Signature]

End of constitution
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