

## **TRANSITION TOWN WEST KIRBY CONSTITUTION**

### **1. NAME**

The organisation is known as Transition Town West Kirby.

### **2. AIMS**

The aims of Transition Town West Kirby are:

- 1) To improve and strengthen our local community to become more resilient in the face of climate change and the end of cheap fossil fuel,
- 2) To initiate and support projects which improve quality of life and the move to low energy living.

### **3. POWERS**

The organisation may use the following to promote the Aims:

- 1) Power to cooperate with other organisations, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities with similar aims, and to exchange information and advice with them,
- 2) Power to establish working groups to focus on specific areas,
- 3) Power to invite and receive contributions and raise funds,
- 4) Power to pay project workers for specific services promoting the Aims.

### **4. NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Transition Town West Kirby shall not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, national origin, political affiliation, colour, ancestry, sexual orientation, religion or disability; on the contrary, Transition Town West Kirby shall actively seek diverse participation and partnership from people of all backgrounds.

### **5. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of Transition Town West Kirby shall be open to any person, organisation or body supportive of the Aims.

### **6. CORE COORDINATING GROUP**

- 1) The Core Coordinating Group shall be responsible for the administration, management and control of the affairs and property of Transition Town West Kirby.
- 2) The Core Coordinating Group, consisting of at least 3 members who are not related to each other, shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting.

### **7. FINANCE**

- 1) The funds of Transition Town West Kirby shall be applied solely towards the Aims stated above.
- 2) The Treasurer shall keep books showing all income, expenditure and assets of Transition Town West Kirby.
- 3) Two signatories shall be required to operate any bank account.

### **8. DISSOLUTION**

- 1) Transition Town West Kirby may be dissolved at a Special Meeting passed by a two-thirds majority of those voting members present.
- 2) Any assets remaining after the settlement of any outstanding debts shall be donated to another Transition Initiative or other body with similar aims.

Agreed 24 June 2009 by all 15 people present at the meeting in the United Reformed Church, West Kirby.

**Proposed amendment to constitution for AGM on Friday 9th March 2012:**

**Pecuniary Interest**

At all meetings financial interest in matters under discussion shall be declared before discussion starts. A member so declaring may still speak on the related matter, but is not permitted to vote. He/she will be required to leave the meeting for the duration of the item and is not part of the meeting quorum for the matters where they have an interest.