

Regency Squares Community Constitution

1. NAME - Constituting a Society, the **name** of the Society will be "Regency Squares Community" hereinafter referred to as "the Society".
2. AIMS - The **objects** of the Society will be:
 - a. to pursue matters of common interest to those living and working in the Regency Squares area;
 - b. to preserve and improve the character and environment of the Regency Squares area;
 - c. to encourage the development of good neighbourliness amongst those living and working in the Regency Squares area;
 - d. to enable those living and working in the Regency Squares area to contribute as a local community to the life of the wider City community of Brighton & Hove as a whole.
3. AREA - By **the Regency Squares area** is understood the area of Brighton bounded on the south by Kings Road, on the east by Cannon Place, on the north by Western Road and on the west by Little Preston Street.
4. MEMBERS - The Society will have members in two classes:
 - a. Subject to the provisions in paragraph 8 below, any person, or household, permanently resident in the Regency Squares area will be entitled to join the Society as a **household member**;
 - b. Subject to the provisions in paragraph 8 below, any business operating from premises in the Regency Squares area will be entitled to join the Society as a **business member**;
5. AGM and SGMs - The Society will hold an **annual general meeting** and such other **special general meetings** as are called in accordance with paragraphs 7.b and 7.c below; all members will be entitled to attend general meetings of the Society, subject to the Chair's discretion to require any member to leave who threatens to disrupt the conduct of the Society's business; only household members and business members will be entitled to **vote** at general meetings or to participate in **elections**.
6. COMMITTEE and OFFICERS - At each annual general meeting the Society will elect a **Chair (chairperson)**, a **Secretary**, a **Treasurer** and a **Management Committee**; all officers and members of the Management Committee will be eligible for re-election each year.
7. DUTIES - The **duties** of the officers and Management Committee will be:
 - a. To **manage the affairs** of the Society with a view to achieving its objects;
 - b. To call an **annual general meeting** once in every 12 months (subject to force majeure). To present to members at each annual general meeting a **report** of the Society's activities during the preceding 12 months and a **statement of accounts** for the financial year prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. The **quorum** for an annual general meeting of the Society will be 6 household or

business members or 5% of the household and business membership combined, whichever is greater;

- c. To call a **special general meeting** as and when they think fit or as and when requested to do so by a group of household and business members numbering not less than 2 *and* constituting at least 5% of the whole of the household and business membership combined;
8. SUBSCRIPTION - All members of the Society will pay an **annual subscription** to the Society, the amount of which will be fixed at the annual general meeting; the Management Committee will have power to exclude from membership any member who fails to pay his annual subscription or whom the Management Committee believes it would be expedient to exclude in the interests of the Society.
9. AMENDMENTS – changes will be made to this constitution if so resolved at an annual general meeting or at a special general meeting called for that purpose provided that notice of such amendments is circulated to members at least 7 days before the date of the meeting and provided that there will be no amendments to paragraphs 9 or 10.
10. DISSOLUTION - Any surplus of income over expenditure resulting from the Society's activities will be devoted to the objects of the Society and will not be distributed amongst the members; in the event of the Society being **wound up** any surplus held by the Society at that time will be donated to a registered charity or to Brighton & Hove City Council as determined by the Management Committee and will not be distributed amongst the members of the Society.