



Constitution of the Glossop Bat Group

Aims of the Glossop Bat Group

- To work with the people of Glossop and nearby through sensible approaches to conservation that result in “MORE BATS AND LESS GNATS”.
- Monitoring and mapping of local bat populations to ensure that bats in Glossop and nearby are given the protection they are entitled to under English and International law.
- Monitor bat surveys published by local authorities to ensure they are accurate and comply with professional standards.
- To ensure the proper conservation of bats in Glossop and nearby by working with everybody necessary in order to protect bats and their habitats.
- To provide people in Glossop and nearby with the equipment and expertise to learn more about local bats and to support local people living with bats.
- To work with other individuals and institutions to the benefit of bats worldwide.

Membership of the Group shall be open to anyone who fills in a membership form and pays the current subscription. Membership of the Group may be refused or cancelled at any time, if the member is working contrary to the interests of the Group as determined by the Committee. Appeals against any such decisions must be made in writing, stating the grounds of the appeal, within one month. All such appeals will be considered carefully and will receive a response in writing within one month of receipt.

There will be a committee of at least three officers elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting, taking the roles of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, along with other elected roles as required by the group.

There will be an Annual General Meeting to which all members are invited:

The AGM will:

- (a) Elect a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary
- (b) Elect a Committee
- (c) Approve the accounts
- (d) Agree any changes made to the constitution of the Bat Group.
- (e) Approve and publish an annual report describing the previous year's activities and listing priorities for the following year

Responsibilities of the Committee:

- (a) The Committee will make decisions about activities, meetings (other than the AGM), projects and expenditure.
- (b) The committee will meet at least three times a year.
- (c) Dates of regular meetings will be notified to members well in advance, and these regular meetings should be open to any member who wishes to attend
- (d) The Committee may arrange extra meetings as necessary. If additional meetings are required to deal with extraordinary circumstances, such as the expulsion of a member, these need not be notified to the general membership.

- (e) Minutes will be kept by the Secretary or by a member agreed by the Committee to record:
 - (i) Those present
 - (ii) Information received
 - (iii) Decisions made
 - (iv) Action points
- (f) Decisions may be made by the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary if necessary between Committee meetings. The Committee and members will be notified of any such decisions at the earliest opportunity.

Dissolution of the Group

If at any properly convened General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Group is carried by at least two thirds of the paid up members present, then the elected officers shall proceed to realise the assets of the Group and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Group.

The remaining assets of the Group shall be donated to one or more other voluntary organisations or registered charities having conservation of bats among their aims. The final choice of recipient, if not specified in the resolution of dissolution, shall be determined by the elected officers.

Records

An individual will be appointed to take responsibility for records of bats collected during Bat Group Activities. These will be passed onto all relevant local biological record centres and other relevant organisations (such as neighbouring bat groups) on at least an annual basis. Members will be encouraged to also pass records they collect as individuals on to the relevant organisations. Glossop Bat Group will not sell records.

Declaration of Interest

Any member having a personal interest in any matter concerning Glossop bats (e.g. doing bat surveys in Glossop or nearby for financial reward or by proposing development where bat assessment is required) must declare that interest in writing to the committee at the earliest opportunity and before the results of any such interest become the object of public scrutiny. A record of such declarations shall be published in the annual report.

Membership Renewal

Membership is due on the 1st August and will be payable at the Annual General Meeting. Any member who has received a reminder but has not paid within three months of the renewal date will be deemed to have left the Group.

Subscriptions

The annual subscription will be £10 for working members and families and £0.50 for unwaged members.

Partnership

From 1st September 2012 The Glossop Bat Group will be a partner group of the Bat Conservation Trust and abides by the relevant Partnership Agreement.