

# **Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company**

- 1. The Company is established to serve the interests of the communities of the Arnside/Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the surrounding area through working to conserve and enhance the natural environment of the Area. Any surpluses the Company generates through trading will be used in accordance with the Objects of the Company and in the interests of the community and not for the personal profit of the promoters, Directors or Shareholders.**
- 2. The Company will work in close co-operation with the Arnside/Silverdale AONB Service and Partnership, seeking to complement the activities of all existing statutory and non-statutory bodies and organisations, which have responsibilities concerning managing landscape, habitats, heritage and or cultural features. The Company will seek to interest and involve a wide community in conservation / environmental issues and promote with the communities a more sustainable way of life for the future in and around the AONB.**
- 3. The long term vision for the Company is that it should be a robust organisation, operating at both a local and sub-regional level, delivering solutions to enhance and conserve the natural beauty of the Arnside and Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and surrounding countryside. All sectors of the local community will be involved in those solutions along with all those with responsibilities for or an interest in, the management of protected landscape areas and other areas of important countryside.**
- 4. To achieve this, the Company will work either independently or in partnership with the Staff and Executive Committee of the Arnside and Silverdale AONB and the following bodies:**
  - Arnside/Silverdale AONB Landscape Trust (appointed asset locked body)
  - The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
  - The National Trust
  - The Woodland Trust
  - The Forestry Commission - England
  - The Wildlife Trusts for Cumbria and Lancashire
  - relevant Local Authorities/National Agencies

**The shareholders of the Company will comprise of individuals, organisations and bodies corporate, associated with the list above. The Directors will generally be appointed from the shareholding membership of the Company. The shares are to be divided into two classes: Ordinary £10 shares and Management £1 shares.**

**The Board of Directors will hold up to 5000 Management shares with a total of 12,000 Ordinary shares available for allocation to members of the Company.**

5. **The Company will carry out all kinds of practical conservation and environmental management work, deliver renewable energy programmes which have direct conservation gains for the local environment and develop community participation opportunities. The Company shall also promote sustainable development, locally sourced products and seek to employ local people as contractors and/or staff.**

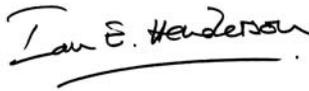
**In all aspects of its activities the Company will work towards equality and fairness for all sectors of the local community and more generally, upholding principles of Fairtrade and Local Agenda 21. The Company will generate and attract financial and community investment in long term landscape, habitat and environmental protection work in and around the Arnside/Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.**

6. **Signatures of Directors:**

Name: Ian Edward Henderson

Date:

Signature:



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Name: David Askew

Date:

Signature:



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