

- VII. Work with other organisations and groups and exchange information, advice and knowledge with them, including cooperation with other voluntary bodies, charities, statutory and non-statutory organisations.
- VIII. Employ staff and volunteers (who are not members of the Management Committee) as are necessary to conduct activities to meet the Purpose of the Association.
- IX. Take any form of action that is lawful, which is necessary to achieve the purpose and objects of the Association.

5. **Membership**

- I. Membership shall be open to anyone who has an interest in the Association to achieve the purpose and is willing to adhere to the rules. Those who attend any Peer Support Groups and have filled in a registration form will automatically be members of the Association. Those who subscribe to the monthly newsletter will be considered as members of the Association.
- II. Where it is considered membership would be detrimental to the aims and activities of the Organisation the Management Committee shall have the power to refuse membership, or may terminate or suspend the membership of any member by resolution passed at a Management Committee Meeting, which may be held in addition to already scheduled meetings. Members shall have the right to appeal via an independent adjudicator determined by mutual agreement of the Management Committee.
- III. Any member may resign their membership by providing the Management Committee with written (including email) notice or unsubscribing to the newsletter via the website.

6. **Management Committee**

- I. The Management Committee should be no less than three (3) people and no more than ten (10). Members will be elected for a period of up to three (3) years, but can stand for re-election at the Association's AGM. The Management Committee should appoint from its members the officers consisting of:
 - The Chairperson
 - The Treasurer
 - The SecretaryAnd any additional officers the Organisation deems necessary at the meeting to carry out the required activities.
- II. The Committee can co-opt members up to the number of 10 during the year if it is deemed appropriate. These Committee members must stand for re-election at the next AGM.

7. **Meetings**

- I. The Committee shall meet at least four (4) times a year. Meetings shall enable the Association to discuss actions and monitor progress to date, and to consider future developments.
- II. All members shall be given at least 14 days' notice of when a meeting is due to take place, unless it is deemed an emergency.
- III. Half of the Committee members must be present in order for a meeting to take place.
- IV. It shall be the responsibility of the Chairperson to chair all meetings or a designated deputy in their absence. All meetings must be minuted and accessible to interested parties.