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Spokes Canterbury Cycling Advocacy Constitution Changes and Recommendations

Voting Quorum and Meetings

- Members Required for a quorum. Do we want to leave it as 7 members or reduce/increase the number
 - YES (Status quo) keep at 7
 - NO (Change to number other than 7)
 - NO Change it to a percentage based attendance of a general meeting (I suggest we keep it as people attending since we have a large number of members that don't come to monthly meetings.)
- Do we want to chairperson to have the casting vote in a tie?
 - YES (Status Quo)
 - NO Change to Chairperson no longer has casting vote in a tie
- Notice for a general meeting. How many days notice.
 - 14 (Status Quo)
 - Another number of days
- Ability for members to put forward written resolutions at general meetings to be voted on.
 - NO (Status quo) currently not allowed or mentioned in our constitution
 - YES Allow members to put forward resolutions to be debated and voted on at meetings by giving the secretary at least X number of days notice.
 - I recommend this as it allows us to make motions through Discord as long as you are notifying the secretary. The number of days depends on how many days we want to set for notice of a general meeting.
- Written Resolutions. Do we want to allow these in lieu of general meetings
 - NO (Status quo)

- YES Allow members to pass a written resolution in lieu of a general meeting vote as long as it is approved by a certain percentage of members (select X percentage of members of members)
- Special General Meetings and percentage of members required to take one.
 - At least 5 members bringing a request to the executive team (Status Quo)
 - An X percentage of members bring a written request to the executive team.
- Number of committee members
 - Chair, Treasurer, Secretary + 2 members (voted in at the Annual General Meeting) (Status Quo)
 - Committee will consist of at least X number of officers (minimum 3)
- Does a member have to pay to be eligible to vote at meetings?
 - YES (status quo)
 - Any person who agrees with the objects of the Society may, subject to the Executive Committee's approval, become a member of the Society by application in writing and upon payment of the membership subscription set from time to time by a General Meeting of the Society.
 - YES But change constitution to allow members to join without paying but still require payment of membership to be eligible to vote
 - NO Change constitution to allow members to join without paying AND allow them to vote.

Membership to Spokes Canterbury Cycling Advocacy

- Postal address requirements requirement for members to give a postal address
 - NO (Status Quo) I recommend this, just adds complications.
 - YES Require members to provide and keep up to date their current post address (as well as email, phone)
- Life members and honorary members do we want to allow
 - NO (status quo)
 - YES Allow members to vote to give a member life membership with a (Simple OR two-thirds majority)

- YES Allow members to vote to give a member honorary membership with a (Simple OR two-thirds majority)

Committees and subcommittees

- Subcommittees Do we want to explicitly allow subcommittee
 - YES (Status Quo) Our current constitution does not explicitly allow subcommittees but allows for the power to delegate (basically the same thing)
 - NO Do not allow the executive committee to delegate to a subcommittee
- Quorums for committee meetings.
 - 3 Executive committee members (Status Quo)
 - Half of committee members being present
 - Two-thirds of committee members being present
- Chair Person Casting vote in event of tie
 - YES Chair Person does have casting vote (status quo)
 - NO Chair person does not have casting vote
- Number of committee meetings per year. Currently there is no requirement in our constitution to have a set number of meetings per year.
 - When Required (Status Quo)
 - At least once every quarter
 - At least monthly (except between December and January)

Finances and restrictions on the powers of the society

- Ability to borrow money.
 - YES (Status quo) To borrow or raise money from time to time with or without security and upon such terms as to priority or otherwise as the Executive Committee thinks fit."
 - NO prevent the society from borrowing money

Dissolving or wrapping up the society

- Dissolving the society how many working days written notice do we want to give

- X number of Days
- Any resolution to dissolve the society must be passed by a X percentage of members
- Removing the society from the register or incorporated societies
 - The committee shall give X days notice to members of the proposed resolution to remove the society from the register
 - Any resolution to remove the society from the register must be passed by a (SIMPLE major OR a Two-Thirds Majority)
- Surplus assets distribution who do we want to give our assets to if we wrap up the society? We have to pick a default and then under resolution can choose to distribute it to another network if we so choose at the time.
 - Cycling Action Network?
- Money received to the society must be banked with X number of days
 - Status quo Not mentioned in the constitution

Rules around changing this constitution

- The Society may amend or replace this Constitution at a General Meeting by a resolution passed by a (Simple OR Two-Thirds) majority of those Members present and voting.
 - Two-Thirds (Status Quo)
 - Simple Majority
- Any proposed resolution to amend or replace this Constitution shall be signed by at least X percent of eligible Members and given in writing to the Committee at least X Working Days before the General Meeting at which the resolution is to be considered and accompanied by a written explanation of the reasons.
 - Status Quo is not stated in the current constitution
- At least X Working Days before the General Meeting at which any amendment is to be considered the Committee shall give to all Members notice of the proposed resolution, the reasons for the proposal, and any recommendations the Committee has.
 - Status Quo is not stated in the current constitution