

## **DRAFT CONSTITUTION**

### **1). The name of the Railway Users Association shall be**

WALTON ON NAZE: FRINTON-ON-SEA: KIRBY-X & THORPE-LE-SOKEN RAIL USERS ASSOCIATION

### **2) Objects and Aims of the Association:**

- a) To promote, improve and retain local and through rail services on the line from Walton on Naze and Clacton-on-Sea to Colchester Town and Colchester North and on to Liverpool Street on non-partisan political lines without discrimination in respect of any class of rail traveller.
- b) To enable and encourage greater usage of rail services and associated public transport services generally.
- c) To facilitate and enable greater co-ordination, integration, investment and expansion of the rail and associated public transport infrastructure.
- d) To advance and promote the economic regeneration benefits of improved rail and associated public transport links and infrastructure.
- e) To undertake research, educational, lobbying, canvassing, the holding of public meetings, undertake campaigning activities to raise the public awareness of rail transport problems and issues with public statutory bodies and also potential users.
- f) To affiliate to representative national bodies and federations for rail users (such as Railfuture or The Campaign for Better Transport).
- g) To buy and hold shares to enable representation at meetings of the rail operating and rail infrastructure companies.
- h) Any of the foregoing objectives are considered of equal importance and ranking and non of the foregoing are to be subordinated to any one object.

### **3) Membership**

Membership shall be open to all persons and bodies corporate in agreement with these aims, on completion of membership form, from casual and regular rail users.

### **4) Subscription**

Subscription shall be in the form of donation of at least one penny by members.

### **5) Government (articles of association)**

#### **a) Officers (Elected)**

There will be a minimum of two Officers on the Management Committee

- i) Chairman
- ii) Secretary (Acting Treasurer)

#### **b) Other Designated Officers (Optional Nomination/ Election From Within Association Membership)**

- iii) Vice-Chairman
- iv) Treasurer
- v) Membership Secretary
- vi) Press & PR Officer

#### **c) Co-opted Officers**

Up to seven members may be co-opted onto the board, and also co-opted in replacement for resignations and departures during the year (in any twelve-month period).

#### **d) Railfuture (formerly the Railway Development Society) Nominated Representative**

Railfuture shall be allowed to nominate one representative to sit on the management committee.

#### **e) Meetings**

Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held in the autumn of each year, to be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup>. January.

Members shall receive a minimum of two weeks' notice of the AGM

Changes to Constitution shall be by a Special resolution of at least 75% of those present and entitled to vote at a properly convened Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association, to which members shall be given two weeks' notice.

Members of the association may decide by Special resolution of at least 75% of those present at a General Meeting to ratify actions of committee, to suspend, disband and dispose of any funds or assets subject to a Special resolution, given two weeks' notice to members, the disposal of funds and surplus assets to be by return to donors or, if not identified, to organisations with similar objectives.

The Management Committee may hold non-business meetings to which the Public may attend to discuss issues, for public consultation with a notice period of less than two weeks.

A quorum for Special general Meetings shall be four members.

Where there are unopposed nominations the nominated Officers may be deemed elected.