



Changes to By Law 3 issued on 8 October 2020

This note gives details of the changes to ByLaw 3 issued on 8 October 2020, which has been introduced on a temporary basis to take account of the restrictions imposed on meeting during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following paragraphs of ByLaw 3 Local Groups have been changed.

- 1.3 The Local Group, although autonomous in respect of its day to day management, shall at all times be a branch of the Association whose rules will reflect and be consistent with the Articles and any Bylaws made under them (including this Bylaw), and whose objects are to further the aims of the Association. Each Local Group shall adopt a constitution that includes a provision that any property held by the Local Group shall pass to the Association in the event that the Local Group shall cease to operate. If the National Executive Committee considers it to be a matter of urgency in the interests of the LDWA and its members it may introduce temporary bylaws to suspend or override provisions of local group constitutions, and shall state a date by which such temporary bylaws shall be revoked or renewed. In case of any conflict between these bylaws and the constitution of a local group these bylaws shall take precedence.
- 1.4 The constitution of each Local Group must be based on the model Local Group constitution and approved by the National Executive Committee prior to the Local Group's establishment. Any proposed changes to the model Local Group constitution must also be approved by the National Executive Committee in advance. Furthermore, each Local Group is required to amend its constitution to reflect changes made by the Association to the model Local Group constitution from time to time. During the COVID pandemic, the requirement to convene a Local Group Annual General Meeting under 6.1 of the Local Group constitution can be temporarily suspended until such time as Government regulations permit the meeting to be convened. The suspension of the need to convene a Local Group Annual General Meeting will be reviewed by 30.09.21 and if Government regulations have eased that enables meetings to be convened in a traditional manner, the bylaw will revert to its original form.