

# Constitution for Groups Affiliated to the Dexter Cattle Society

## 1. The group shall be called:

( )\* Insert name as appropriate  
Group of the Dexter Cattle Society.

## 2. Affiliation:

The said group is affiliated to the Dexter Cattle Society (DCS).

It is necessary to have a minimum 15 individual members or family members to start up a new group

## 3. The Aims of the group are as follows:

- To promote the Dexter breed of cattle.
- To encourage and support current, new and potential owners of Dexter cattle.
- Provide a means for conveying the opinion of its members to the DCS.
- Provide a means of conveying information from the DCS to members.

## 4. Membership application:

Shall be in the manner agreed by the group committee. All Group members will agree to be governed by the constitution of The Dexter Cattle Society.

## 5. Classes of Membership:

Full membership shall be open to any individual, family or organisation. Junior Members will be persons under the age of 16 years on the 1st January in the relevant year.

## 6. Membership Fees:

These will be as set by the group committee from time to time.

## 7. Termination of Membership:

- a) The member resigns or dies.
- b) The membership fee (if any) due from the member remains unpaid 28 days after having been given notice that the fee is outstanding.
- c) Any member who fails to abide by the rules of the group shall be liable to be expelled by the committee after a fair and reasonable hearing.

## 8. Group Committee:

- The Group will be managed by a committee, elected by the membership of the Group, of not less than 6 and not more than 12 members.
- Committee members will normally be elected to serve for three years but may fill vacancies for shorter periods. One third of the committee shall retire by rotation at the AGM of the Group each year. (In the first two years the rotation may be established by agreement or by drawing lots.)
- The committee will elect the following officers from amongst their number Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. In the event of a Chairperson being absent from a meeting of the committee those present shall elect a person to Chair that meeting.
- Those retiring by rotation are eligible for re-election and re-appointment as officers.
- Formal notice of the AGM shall be sent to all members of the Group 21 days before the arranged date.

The Group will agree a system to nominate their committee.

- Formal notice shall also be sent to the Secretary of the DCS stating date, time and place of each General Meeting with a list of items to be discussed at that meeting, at least 21 days before the meeting.
- The Society shall be entitled to send to the meeting a representative who shall be entitled to speak but not to vote.
- The Dexter Cattle Society requires that at each Group AGM, two committee members on behalf of the committee members of the Group, whether newly elected or continuing in office, shall sign the Constitution and provide it to the Society Secretary together with the other papers required. This will acknowledge acceptance of the aims and rules governing the Group.

**9. Group committee:**

Shall hold a committee meeting at least once a year. The secretary shall keep records as follows:

- a) Names of office bearers of the group.
- b) Names of all committee members present at each committee meeting.
- c) All orders made and directions given by the group committee.
- d) Minutes of all group committee meetings must be signed by the group Chairperson as a true record of the meeting that took place.

**10. Meetings:**

- a) The group Annual General Meeting must take place each year. Not more than 15 months should elapse between AGMs.
- b) A copy of the minutes should be sent to the DCS Office within 28 days of the meeting.
- c) A group general meeting can take place at any time and can be called by the group committee or at least one quarter of the group members.
- d) The secretary must give at least 7 days' notice of a meeting to all members.
- e) The secretary will notify the DCS office of any meetings or events requiring DCS insurance.

**11. Finance:**

- a) The group may open a bank account in the name of ( )\* Group of the Dexter Cattle Society which shall be operated on the signature of not less than two members of the Group Committee.
- b) The Treasurer of the Group shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Group and a statement of the accounts for the last financial year and shall present it to members of the Group at their AGM.
- c) The Treasurer shall send a copy of the annual financial statement to the DCS Office within 28 days of the meeting.

**12. Dissolution:**

- a) The Group Committee may decide by simple majority to dissolve the group, an AGM may be called for that purpose and the resolution must be passed by three quarters of the members present.
- b) In the event of dissolution of the group surplus monies and other assets shall sent to the Society Office.

I certify this to be a true copy of the Constitution of the ( )\* Group of the Dexter Cattle Society.

Adopted at the Annual General Meeting held on: .....

at: .....

..... Postcode: .....

Signed by two Committee members:

Signed .....Name (in block letters) .....

Signed.....Name (in block letters) .....

Date: .....