

The Constitution of the Friends of Selsdon Wood - revised July 2026

1. Name of the group and area served

1.1 The group shall be called The Friends of Selsdon Wood (FSW).

1.2 The area served shall be Selsdon Wood as contained within the boundaries controlled by the London Borough of Croydon on behalf of the owner - the National Trust

2. Aims of the group

2.1 The chief aims and activities of the group shall be in consultation with, and with the approval of, the London Borough of Croydon(LBC) on behalf of the National Trust, following an action plan set by the FSW Committee in conjunction with LBC.

2.2 To ensure that Selsdon Wood is maintained:

a. for the benefit of all the flora and fauna it contains to ensure the existing bio-diversity is retained and appropriately controlled

b. for the enjoyment and wellbeing of the public

2.3 To carry out programmes of practical work, especially sustainable conservation and restoration work.

2.4 To educate volunteers of all ages in the principles and practices of nature conservation and to encourage as wide a public interest in Selsdon Wood as possible.

2.5 To act as a forum to canvass opinion and discuss issues that may affect the aims and activities of the council and FSW regarding the wood.

2.6 To raise money as necessary for carrying out its work.

3. Membership

3.1 Membership cannot be refused on the grounds of an applicant's race, nationality, ethnicity, gender, disability, age or sexual orientation. No member shall be treated less favourably on these grounds.

3.2 Membership shall be open to any adult who supports the aims of the group, has completed a membership form and paid the relevant annual subscription at the sum agreed at the AGM.

3.3 A single subscription will be deemed to cover a family of adults and children living at the same address and thus constituting a household.

3.4 Generally, only the family members (aged 16 and over) will be covered by the FSW insurance when participating in activities arranged by/under the supervision of the Friends.

3.5 Children under 16 shall only participate in activities with specific permission after discussion between FSW and their parents/guardians e.g. if doing tasks within DoE syllabus or if supervised on site by their parents / guardians, who will then be held responsible for their insurance cover. Any children under 14 must be accompanied and supervised by their parents / guardian.

4. Annual General Meeting

