

Glasgow and West of Scotland Young Greens Constitution

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1 – Definitions

1.1 – The Glasgow Young Greens (GYG) are a Local Area Group of the Scottish Young Greens (SYG), themselves a representative group of the Scottish Green Party (SGP).

1.2 - The GYG has been established under and is required to follow the provisions laid out for Local Area Groups in section 7 of the SYG Constitution.

1.3 – The GYG may incorporate members from Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire, Dunbartonshire and Inverclyde, together known as West, in the absence of local area groups for any of these areas. When this is the case, GYG may be referred to instead as Glasgow and West Young Greens (GWYG).

1.4 – If GYG is acting as GWYG, references to “Glasgow” or “Glasgow City” throughout this constitution shall be interpreted as including those portions of West included in GWYG.

2 – Membership

2.1 – Membership of the GYG is open to anyone aged 30 and under and eligible to join the Scottish Green Party, who lives within the Glasgow area and is not a member of any other political party (or the youth organisation of such) other than a Green party.

2.2 - Ordinary members of GYG do not need to be members of the SGP.

2.3 - Members of recognised Student Groups at institutions within Glasgow shall be entitled to GYG membership regardless of age.

2.4 - If GYG is acting as GWYG, membership shall be open to those living in those portions of West included in GWYG.

3 – Purposes

3.1 – The primary purpose of the GYG will be to encourage and promote youth engagement with Green politics at all levels in Glasgow. The GYG will support this engagement through a variety of means including

3.1.1. Encouraging Young Greens to stand for elections within and on behalf of the SGP.

3.1.2. Making SGP events accessible to and inclusive of young people.

3.1.3. Representing the views and needs of Young Greens and young people in general to the Glasgow Green Party, and any branches of the Scottish Green Party whose area coincides with those portions included in GWYG.

4 – Committee

4.1 – GYG members will elect a committee yearly at an Annual General Meeting (AGM). There will be at least four weeks’ notice given of the date and venue for the AGM and a note of posts for election and associated job descriptions circulated.

4.2 – Responsibilities

4.2.1. GYG Committee will be responsible for the efficient running of GYG

as a whole.

4.2.2. GYG Committee will be a central point of contact between other SYG and SGP bodies as well as external bodies and individuals.

4.3 – Membership

4.3.1. GYG Committee will be convened by two co-convenors, of which a maximum of one may identify as a man.

4.3.2. A Secretary will be elected to manage the general administration of GYG Committee and act as a point of contact between SGP branches and the GYG.

4.3.3. A Treasurer will be elected to manage GYG funds, in co-operation with SGP Glasgow Branch Treasurer.

4.3.4. GYG may elect an additional three ordinary committee members, who may be allocated specific responsibilities either at the time of their election or by vote of GYG Committee.

4.3.5. GYG Committee will strive for gender balance, with at least 40% of the above office bearers being women.

4.4 – Student Representatives

4.4.1. All student groups at institutions within Glasgow shall be entitled to elect from amongst themselves a representative to GYG committee.

4.5 – Branch and Sub-Branch Representatives

4.5.1. Any branch of the SGP or sub-branch of the Glasgow Green Party in the GYG area that is not represented as the local branch of any elected member of GYG Committee shall be entitled to elect from amongst its Young Green members a representative to GYG Committee.

5 – Meetings and Decision Making

5.1 – GYG Committee shall meet at least quarterly, one of which shall be the AGM.

5.2 - Substantive decisions relating to GYG shall be, as much as is reasonably possible, be taken at full meetings of the GYG.

5.3 – GYG should meet at least quarterly, either via a formal meeting or a social event. It is not necessary for all meetings of GYG to consider formal business, though members of GYG may request that it does so if they feel necessary.

5.4 - The quorum for GYG decisions will be at least six members.

5.5 - The quorum for GYG committee decisions will be at least three members.

5.6 - Where GYG or GYG Committee has failed to meet for two successive quarters, a member may call for an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), to be communicated by the SYG or Glasgow Green Party if GYG themselves are unable to do so. The EGM will take a similar form to the AGM.

5.7 – Any portion(s) of West included in GWYG shall be entitled to form as a full local area group per section 7 of the SYG constitution. When this occurs, members in the new local area group shall no longer be members of GWYG.

6 – Relationship with other SGP bodies

6.1 – The GYG has the right to a vote on SYG Council, the decision-making body for SYG nationally. This right shall normally be exercised jointly between the co-convenors of GYG committee.

6.2 - The GYG shall seek to ensure that it has representation in the decision-making processes of the Glasgow Green Party. This shall normally be by the co-convenors of GYG committee.

6.3 - The GYG shall seek to ensure that it has representation in the decision-making processes of sub branches of the Glasgow Green Party. This shall normally be by the GYG representative for that sub branch.

6.4 - Where the individual(s) normally entrusted with a vote on behalf of the GYG are unavailable to attend a given meeting, the GYG may nominate another individual to attend in their stead.

7 – Amending the Constitution

7.1 – This constitution may be amended at the GYG AGM.

7.2 – Amendments must be submitted in time to be circulated two weeks in advance of the AGM

7.3 – Amendments can be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of all present and eligible voters at GYG AGM.