PROPOSED CHANGE TO MCG CONSTITUTION

The current Constitution on file is dated 10th July 2003. This can be viewed on our website. www.maresfieldconservationgroup.org

The Executive Committee have drafted a new Constitution to bring the MCG Constitution up to date and to respond to more modern working processes and the availability of resources. Otherwise it is mostly a new layout with a change of wording to make the reading more user friendly. A copy of this, with proposed changes highlighted, can also be viewed on our website. www.maresfieldconservationgroup.org

The significant proposed changes are as follows:

- **AIMS** – We have added `To promote and support village life and its amenities'.
- **HONORARY OFFICES** – We have added `The post of Secretary is advisable but not essential'.
- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – We have changed `The Executive Committee shall consist of the honorary officers and not more than 7 or less than 5 members elected at the Annual General Meeting (used to be: not more than 11 or less than 7).
- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES** – We have changed that `two` ordinary meetings should be held each year to `four`. The last Constitution states that ` that copies of minutes should be kept in books', we have changed that to `on file` and that once approved these will be published on our website.
  We have also added the following: `The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of MCG, or, in their absence, a member selected from the Executive Committee`.
- **MEMBERSHIP** – We have changed the qualifying age from 18yrs to 16yrs and removed previously listed types of membership.
- **SUBSCRIPTIONS** – amended to read 'a voluntary amount'.
- **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS** – The previous Constitution reads as follows: `The Executive Committee shall comply with their obligations under the Charities Act 1993` changed to `Charities Act 2011 and 2016`.
- **ANNUAL RETURNS** – has also been changed from `Charities Act 1993` to `Charities Act 2011 and 2016`.
- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – The previous Constitution states that the `AGM will be held in the month of July`, we have changed this to `will be held between 1st May and 30th June`.
  The previous Constitution states that `Nominations for election to the Executive Committee must be made by members of the Group in writing and must be in the hands of the Secretary at least 14 days before the AGM`. This has been changed to the following: `and be in the hands of the Chairman or Secretary at least 7 days before the AGM`.

These proposed changes will need to be agreed by a vote given in person at our Annual General Meeting or by filling in the enclosed Proxy Voting Form.