



# ALTER



## CONSTITUTION

### 1 NAME

The name of the organisation shall be Liberal Democrat Action for Land Taxation and Economic Reform (ALTER), and shall incorporate the Liberal Democrat Campaign for Land Value Taxation

### 2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

2.1 To improve the understanding of and support for Land Value Taxation amongst members of the Liberal Democrats.

2.2 To encourage all Liberal Democrats to promote and campaign for this policy as part of a more sustainable and just resource based economic system in which no-one is enslaved by poverty.

2.3 To co-operate with other bodies, born inside and outside the Liberal Democrat Party, who share these objectives.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership shall be open to all who subscribe to the Aims and Objectives of the organisation as provided in Clause 2 and are either a Party member or who support the Party's fundamental values and objectives. Membership should be refused only for appropriate reasons and cases of dispute should be referred to the Executive Committee.

3.2 Members who pay an annual subscription shall be Full Members with full voting rights. Members who do not pay the annual subscription shall be Associate Members with limited voting rights. Persons who fail to pay the annual subscription within 3 months of the due date shall cease to be Full Members.

3.3 All Officers and Committee Members must be Full Members; only Full Members shall be entitled to nominate or vote in elections; only Full Members may vote on the approval of accounts. Otherwise Full and Associate Members have equal voting rights.

3.4 Members must treat others with respect and must not bully, harass or intimidate any Party member, member of Party or Parliamentary staff, party volunteer or member of the public. Such behaviour will be considered to be bringing the Party into disrepute.

3.5 The Executive Committee may at any time expel a member on the grounds that a) the person has brought the organisation into disrepute. or b) the person holds views incompatible with the Aims and Objectives set out in Clause 2. The member shall have an opportunity to address the Executive Committee before the decision is made. The Executive Committee shall provide the expelled member with the reasons for the expulsion in writing, and the expelled member shall have the right of appeal to a General Meeting. That part of the meeting dealing with the appeal should be chaired by an ALTER member who did not participate in the expulsion decision

### 4. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

The annual membership subscription shall be determined from time to time by the Annual General Meeting.

### 5. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Application for Membership shall normally be accepted on payment of the appropriate subscription. In exceptional cases an application may be referred to the Executive Committee which will then accept or reject the application. If the application is rejected the Executive Committee must give the applicant its reasons in writing and the applicant shall have the right of appeal to the next Annual General Meeting.

### 6. MEETINGS

6.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held every year. no more than 15 months after the previous AGM, at which the accounts for the previous year will be reviewed. Other General Meetings may be held from time to time at the discretion of the Executive Committee or if requested in writing by no fewer than 10 Members.

### 7 OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7.1 The Officers shall consist of the President, Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers and not more than 12 other members. Elections of Officers and other members of the Executive Committee shall be held at the AGM and shall be conducted in secret by the single transferable vote. Arrangements for nominations shall be the responsibility of the outgoing Executive Committee provided that at least 21 days for submission is allowed, up to and including the AGM.

7.2 Between AGMs the Executive Committee shall be entitled to:

- a) fill any vacancies which occur for the offices of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
- b) designate any member of the Executive Committee as an additional Officer
- c) co-opt up to 3 additional Executive Committee members.

7.3 The Executive Committee may appoint other Officers at its discretion.

### 8 QUORUM

The quorum at any general meeting shall be 10 percent of the membership The quorum at an Executive Committee meeting shall be 5 members.

### 9. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

This constitution may be amended only at an AGM. Not less than 3 weeks notice must be given to members of the proposed amendment. A two thirds majority of those present and voting is required

*Adopted: 18 March 2017 AGM, at Liberal Democrat Spring Conference, York*