

Constitution of Barnsley Borough City of Sanctuary (BBCoS)



Barnsley Borough City of Sanctuary welcomes and respects people from all backgrounds and seeks to involve people with lived experience in our activities and decision making. We are an active member of the National City of Sanctuary movement.

1. AIMS

We aim to:

- Create a culture of welcome for asylum seekers and refugees, challenging hostility and discrimination in all its forms.
- Publicise and celebrate the contribution of asylum seekers and refugees to their local communities and to UK society and culture
- Work with local communities and with other relevant organisations to support asylum seekers and refugees
- Campaign for the rights of asylum seekers and refugees and oppose anti-migrant legislation
- Encourage organisations and institutions in Barnsley (including BMBC) to become part of the City of Sanctuary national network.
- Amplify the voices of people with lived experience to ensure they are central in our activities and decision making.

2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- The AGM will be held every year, with 14 days' notice.
- There must be at least four people present at the AGM, two of which should be Officers (Chair, Secretary or Treasurer).
- Anybody may stand for election which includes Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and other officers as agreed.
- Every attendee has 1 vote.
- The Treasurer shall report on the annual income and expenditure.
- Changes to the Constitution can be made at the AGM and must be agreed by a two thirds majority of those present.

3. MEETINGS

We will hold regular meetings (normally monthly) open to anyone who supports the aims of the organisation, with all present having a vote.

4. FINANCES

- Money & property must only be used to pursue the group's aims.
- Money will be held in the group's bank account.
- The Treasurer will keep a record of accounts.
- The Treasurer has use of a debit card to use on behalf of the group- payments over

500 pounds will require approval of the Chair or Secretary

5. WINDING UP

- If officers consider it is necessary to change the constitution or wind up the group, they must call a General Meeting. There must be 14 days' notice. All decisions require a two thirds majority of those present.
- Winding up -any money or property remaining after payment of debts must be given to another group with similar aims to this one.

Approved at AGM on 5th June 2024