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Sustainable Brampton

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1. Aims and Objectives

- 1.1 ***Sustainable Brampton*** is a group of people from Brampton and the surrounding area who support the concept of sustainability and the need for measures to be taken at all levels to reduce the environmental impact of human activity.
- 1.2 The group's aim is to help reduce the impact on the environment of the community of Brampton and the surrounding area and to help the community make the transition to a sustainable future.
- 1.3 The group will seek to achieve this aim by pursuing the following objectives:
- reduce the area's carbon footprint
 - reduce its dependence on oil and other fossil fuels
 - reduce pollution and protect the natural environment
 - develop the sustainable use of local resources
 - localise provision of goods and services
 - provide a local focus for individual and collective debate and action on sustainability issues and activity
 - educate the community about sustainability issues
 - promote sustainable behaviour and lifestyles
 - lobby for appropriate action at all levels of society
 - support efforts by others to make the community more sustainable
 - help to build a stronger community through supporting links between community organizations and through the empowerment of individuals and groups

2. Membership

- 2.1 The group will consist of:
- individual supporters who live in the area covered.
 - supporter organisations who are based in or who work in the area covered.
- 2.2 The geographic area covered by the activities of ***Sustainable Brampton*** covers the catchment area of Brampton as a service centre. This area extends around the town of Brampton, approximately to include Wetheral, Heathersgill, Roadhead and Bewcastle, and to the Northumberland and Eden District borders, but without applying any strict geographic boundaries. The area is identical to the area of benefit of Brampton and Beyond Community Trust, and to the area of activity of Brampton Economic Partnership.
- 2.3 The supporters will meet at least twice a year, including an annual meeting.
- 2.4 The annual meeting will:
- receive a report from the Coordinating Group on its activities during the past year.
 - receive a financial report.
 - elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to serve until the end of the following Annual Meeting

- elect up to two Supporters to serve until the end of the following Annual Meeting
- give direction on future activity for consideration by the Co-ordinating Group.

2.5 At least two weeks notice will be given to all individual supporters and supporter organisations, who may send up to two representatives, of the annual meeting. Those present will form a quorum.

3. Co-ordinating Group

3.1 The Co-ordinating Group to consist of:

- Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, elected at the Annual Meeting by Supporters
- one representative from each Action Group
- one representative of William Howard School
- up to 2 Supporters elected at the Annual Meeting

3.2 The Co-ordinating Group will be responsible for:

- establishing, reviewing and co-ordinating the Action Groups
- supporting and supervising employees
- financial management
- forward strategy and funding

3.3 The Co-ordinating Group will meet at least once every two months. A quorum at any meeting will be at least a third of those elected or appointed to the Group.