



## **Skipton and East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership (SELRAP)**

### **Constitution**

**Adopted in this revised form at the Annual General Meeting held on 9 March 2026**

#### **1 Name, Status and Objective**

- 1.1 The name of the Association shall be *Skipton and East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership* (hereinafter called “the Association”). The abbreviation *SELRAP* may be used instead of the full name of the Association.
- 1.2 The Association is an independent, apolitical and unincorporated organisation. It shall not, save pursuant to a resolution duly passed at a General Meeting, seek charitable or incorporated status.
- 1.3 The Association’s objectives are to campaign for re-instatement of the former railway line between Skipton (North Yorkshire) and Colne (Lancashire) as an integral part of the national rail network, and pending such re-instatement to seek to ensure that the trackbed of the former railway line is not adversely affected.

#### **2 Membership**

- 2.1 Membership of the Association is open to any individual who agrees to support the Association’s objectives and to any organisation (corporate or otherwise) which agrees to support those objectives.
- 2.2 Members shall comprise Ordinary Members and Life Members.
- 2.3 Ordinary Members shall pay an annual subscription in such amount or amounts as are from time to time determined by an Annual General Meeting. Ordinary Membership shall subsist for 12 months from the date an application accompanied by payment of the appropriate subscription is received by the Secretary.
- 2.4 Life Members shall pay a single subscription in such amount as is from time to time determined by an Annual General Meeting. Life Membership shall subsist from the date an application accompanied by payment of the appropriate subscription is received by the Secretary.
- 2.5 Any individual or organisation applying for Membership agrees to the use of their personal information in accordance with the Association’s Data Protection Policy (available on the

Association's website: [www.selrap.org.uk](http://www.selrap.org.uk)). Affiliate member organisations may appoint one delegate.

2.6 Disciplinary action for expulsion or suspension may be taken against any Member whose conduct demonstrates material disagreement with the Association's objectives and/or whose conduct has brought or is likely to bring the Association into disrepute. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, disciplinary action may be taken against any Member –

2.6.1 who publicly contradicts the agreed policies of the Association, as determined by a General Meeting or the Executive Committee, and/or

2.6.2 who (without the prior authorisation of the Executive Committee) claims to represent the Association or the Executive Committee to the media or otherwise.

Such disciplinary action may be taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee after giving the Member concerned not less than 14 days' notice and after affording the Member concerned an opportunity to make representations (whether in writing or in person) to the meeting of the Executive Committee before any decision is made. Any decision to expel or suspend a Member shall require the support of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee present at the meeting.

### **3 General Meetings**

3.1 An Annual General Meeting of Members shall be held at such date, time and venue as the Executive Committee shall determine, provided that an Annual General Meeting shall be held in each calendar year and in no event more than 15 months after the previous Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting shall –

3.1.1 receive the Executive Committee's report and the annual accounts for the period up to the previous 31<sup>st</sup> December;

3.1.2 elect the Officers of the Association, comprising Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, provided that no person shall be eligible for election as an Officer unless that person has been a Member for a minimum period of 12 months prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting;

3.1.3 elect not more than eight additional Members to serve on the Executive Committee, provided that no person shall be eligible for election to serve on the Executive Committee unless that person has been a Member for a minimum period of 12 months prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting;

3.1.4 consider any resolution proposed by the Executive Committee;

3.1.5 consider any resolution proposed by one or more Members which has been submitted to the Secretary not less than 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting; and

3.1.6 transact any other relevant business relating to the Association's affairs.

3.2 The Executive Committee may at any time convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of Members to transact such business as is stated in the notice convening the meeting, and shall do so either in the event of any serious financial difficulty or upon the request of any 20 Members.

3.3 Not less than 21 days' notice of any General Meeting shall be given to each Member, such notice in the case of any Member for whom the Secretary has an e-mail address being given by e-mail. Save as otherwise provided in clauses 6 and 7, twenty Members shall form a quorum at any General Meeting, provided that either the Chair or the Vice-Chair is present and chairs the meeting. Save as otherwise provided in clauses 6 and 7, all questions at any General Meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes (by ballot, if required), each Member present having one vote and the chair of the meeting having a second or casting vote if necessary. The Secretary (or, in the absence of the Secretary, a Member appointed by the chair of the meeting) shall prepare minutes of the business transacted at the meeting.

#### **4. Open Meetings**

4.1 In addition to the General Meetings referred to in clause 3, Open Meetings shall be held from time to time to inform Members as to the progress of the Association's campaign and/or to invite a guest speaker to address Members. No other business shall be transacted at an Open Meeting.

4.2 Open Meetings shall be held at such dates, times and venues as the Executive Committee shall determine, provided that there shall be not less than one such Open Meeting in each calendar year. Not less than 21 days' notice of any Open Meeting shall be given to each Member, such notice in the case of any Member for whom the Secretary has an e-mail address being given by e-mail.

#### **5 Executive Committee**

5.1 The Executive Committee shall comprise the Officers, together with those additional Members elected at the Annual General Meeting.

5.2 The Executive Committee shall be entitled –

5.2.1 to fill any vacancy among the Officers or in its own number, and/or

5.2.2 to co-opt not more than three additional individuals from time to time

provided that no person who is not a Member shall be entitled to serve on the Executive Committee.

5.3 The Executive Committee shall be entitled –

5.3.1 to form one or more sub-committees from amongst its number to take responsibility for any particular function in accordance with such directions as are given by the Executive Committee, and/or

5.3.2 to appoint one or more of its number to take responsibility for any particular function in accordance with such directions as are given by the Executive Committee and to confer the right to use a title appropriate to that function.

5.4 The Executive Committee shall meet at such dates, times and venues as it shall determine, provided that there shall be not less than three meetings of the Executive Committee in each calendar year. Not less than 21 days' notice shall be given to each member of the Executive Committee. Six members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum provided that

either the Chair or the Vice-Chair is present and chairs the meeting. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes (by ballot, if required), each member of the Executive Committee present having one vote and the chair of the meeting having a second or casting vote if necessary. The Secretary (or, in the absence of the Secretary, a member of the Executive Committee appointed by the chair of the meeting) shall prepare minutes of the business transacted at the meeting.

5.5 The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the general conduct, management and administration of the Association's affairs. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Executive Committee shall be responsible for –

5.5.1 promoting the Association's objectives;

5.5.2 collecting subscriptions and maintaining a list of Members;

5.5.3 holding and disbursing funds for the purposes of the Association;

5.5.4. keeping proper accounts and arranging for annual accounts to be externally examined and presented to the Annual General Meeting; and

5.5.5 convening the Annual General Meeting of Members and such other meetings as may be necessary or appropriate.

## **6 Amendment of Constitution**

This Constitution may only be amended by a resolution approved by at least two-thirds of those Members present in person and voting at a General Meeting at which (notwithstanding the provisions of clause 3.3) forty members of the Association or one half of the total number of Members (whichever is the less) are present in person. An amendment to this Constitution may only be proposed by the Executive Committee or by twenty Members who have given notice of such proposal to the Secretary not less than 28 days prior to the General Meeting.

## **7 Dissolution**

7.1 The Association may only be dissolved by a resolution approved by at least two-thirds of those Members present in person and voting at a General Meeting at which (notwithstanding the provisions of clause 3.3) forty members of the Association or one half of the total number of Members (whichever is the less) are present in person. Dissolution of the Association may only be proposed by the Executive Committee or by twenty Members who have given notice of such proposal to the Secretary not less than 28 days prior to the General Meeting.

7.2 If on the dissolution of the Association there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property or money whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among Members, but shall be transferred to one or more organisations having similar aims to the Association as determined by the General Meeting at which dissolution of the Association is approved.