

Agenda Item: 16:2

THE FUTURE SHAPE OF 18 PLUS

Area

Chairman: Head of structure. Ensure all departments are functioning or covered.
Administrator: Record of minutes. Area directory to date and its issue.
Treasurer: Accounts. Membership record and card issue.
Activities: Area Scale Events. Events publicity.
Publicity: Publicity materials. Liase with groups regards publicity aid and requirements.
Development: Investigate and promote new groups, work with publicity.
Training: To empower and educate group (and area) members to best fulfil their appointed roles.
Magazine: Record of events past and those to come, views.

All elected annually at area conference. Remuneration available by agreement on material, and in exceptional cases time. All recognised groups to have two delegates to vote at conferences. Delegates must be in receipt of a valid membership card. Essentially the area will follow the ideals and model current constitution of 'The National Federation of Eighteen Plus Groups'.

Groups

Require to be in a format capable of running their own evenings and own events. Must run their own publicity and recruitment. Must have a firm contact details structure. It is suggested that the groups continue as they are currently constituted. They should have their own bank account.

Structure

It is considered the general structure from member – group – area functions well. It is suggested no change is made.

Finance

Worst case: The area will start with no money. The groups will start with no money. All current 'National Federation of Eighteen Plus Groups' will be recognised to their expiry date. All 'Area Eighteen Plus' membership cards will be recognised.

To enable the accumulation of an operating fund membership for the first year's renewal will be set to £10.00. This will not only cover meeting venues, publicity materials, training materials, insurance etc. but start building up an operating fund for larger events to be staged. The membership fee would be reviewed at the next area elections conference for the delegates to decide its level on the financial situation given.

Concerning the member: The annual fee would be all they needed to cover their administrative year through area. No charge needs be levied on the groups. They require no intrinsic funding but we do recommend they continue to levy a subs charge on members attending to both cover their incidental costs and give a sense of belonging. The area in no way lays claim to the group's money accumulated, it belongs to the group.

National?

The national Federation of Eighteen Plus Groups. If we have a national chairman it is suggested they be elected by the area chairmen purely as a chair to organise a twice/thrice yearly activities/best practice areas co-ordination meeting lasting a few hours. No policy is set, nothing other than diary co-ordination and an exchange of ideas between area committee representatives. If we have an NFO they are there to audit the areas books on a yearly basis. If we have an HGS they are there to check on the insurance and diary keep/minute take for the 'national' meetings.

ANC?

Sorry guys that'll be the Centre Parcs long w/e we're considering, cheaper, longer, fun, meet up and enjoy yourselves. Perhaps discuss the future of the federation with all the new members and how small we once became!