

# Constitution

<b>Name</b>	The Group will be called the <b>Isle of Man Fungus Group</b> , hereinafter referred to as "the Group".
<b>Aims</b>	The Aims of the Group will be to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. improve knowledge of Manx fungi by encouraging recording of the fungi and lichens of the Isle of Man (Vice County 71);</li><li>2. encourage appreciation of the importance of fungi in everyday life and develop a greater public understanding and awareness of fungi through forays, talks, workshops and public exhibitions;</li><li>3. increase the awareness of fungi through contact with local members of both professional and amateur groups which have environmental interests;</li><li>4. promote the conservation of fungi and restoration or appropriate management of threatened fungal habitats, including semi-natural woodland, grassland, upland and wetland.</li></ol>
<b>Membership</b>	Will be open to all individuals who support the aims of the Group.
<b>Executive Committee</b>	The officers of the group will be a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, recorder and other Executive Committee members will include members as elected at the Annual General Meeting.
<b>Meetings</b>	An AGM will be held in June or July each year, to receive an annual report, accounts of the previous year and to elect officers. Members must be notified of the date and agenda of the AGM at least 21 days in advance.
<b>Voting</b>	Will be by a simple majority of members present.
<b>Finance</b>	All money received will be devoted to the aims of the group and will be paid into a bank in the name of Isle of Man Fungus Group. The treasurer will keep an account of all income and expenditure and provide a report for each meeting and financial statement to the AGM. All payments drawn against the account will be authorised by the treasurer and one other office bearer. In cases where the amount exceeds £500 the transaction must be authorized by the Chairman.
<b>Dissolution</b>	In the event of the group being dissolved any remaining funds and other assets will be distributed, at the discretion of the committee, to benefit other groups with similar aims, operating in the Isle of Man.
<b>Amendment to the Constitution</b>	The Constitution may be altered as and when necessary, by a simple majority, at a general meeting convened for this purpose, the date and agenda of which must be notified to the members at least 21 days in advance.

## History

<u>Date</u>	<u>Detail</u>
19/06/2013	AGM Initial version
22/04/2015	EGM Amended to allow AGM in June or July
August 2021	EGM Amended to remove audit requirement & allow for payments other than by cheque