

CONSTITUTION

Campaign for Dark Skies Network

(CfDS Network)

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1. NAME AND STATUS

The organisation shall be known as the Campaign for Dark Skies Network (CfDS Network).

2. PURPOSE AND AIMS

CfDS Network exists to protect and restore the natural night sky across the United Kingdom by eliminating unnecessary, harmful, and wasteful artificial light.

Core Aims:

End uplighting of heritage buildings, monuments, and public structures
Reduce skyglow through responsible, downward directed, warm spectrum lighting
Promote national installation of Sky Quality Meters (SQMs)
Provide evidence-based guidance to councils, planners, architects, and lighting designers
Raise public awareness of environmental, astronomical, cultural, and health impacts of light pollution

3. ACTIVITIES

To achieve its aims, CfDS Network will:

Conduct public campaigns, media outreach, and educational programmes
Publish guidance documents and best practice recommendations
Work with councils and heritage bodies to remove or redesign uplighting
Support astronomy groups, environmental organisations, and community groups
Maintain a national database of SQM readings and sky quality trends
Engage with government bodies to influence policy and standards

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to individuals and organisations who support the aims of CfDS Network.

Membership is free.

Members may participate in campaigns, meetings, and decision-making processes.

5. GOVERNANCE AND COMMITTEE

CfDS Network shall be governed by a Committee consisting of:

Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Additional officers as required (e.g., Outreach Lead, Technical Advisor)

Committee members shall be elected bi-annually by the membership.

6. MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet at least four times per year.

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held to elect officers and review progress.

Decisions shall be made by simple majority vote of those present.

7. FINANCE

CfDS Network shall operate on a non-profit basis.

All funds shall be used solely to advance the aims of the organisation.

The Treasurer shall maintain accurate financial records and present an annual report.

8. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended at an AGM or Extraordinary General Meeting with a two-thirds majority vote of members present.

9. DISSOLUTION

If CfDS Network is dissolved, any remaining funds shall be donated to an organisation with similar aims, chosen by the membership.

10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Annual General Meeting will be held in October 2027.

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