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Why I wish to become a member:
Approved by Board of Directors:
Signed
Date

Growing Better Lives

We are a community interest company that develops and researches innovative approaches to mental healthcare. GBL is currently running three projects.

Greencare makes use of the natural environment in therapeutic programmes.

Living and learning runs training programmes for professionals.

Social futures is a research programme in partnership with the Institute of Mental Health.

Visit our website to learn more :

www.growingbetterlives.org



Or come and visit us in our Yurt! Contact our team on 07928 181933 or at directors@growingbetterlives.org

Growing Better Lives cic ltd

Membership of the Company

As a Community Interest Company, Growing Better Lives CIC has been established for people who want to be involved in an organisation that benefits the community, rather than just the owners, managers or employees – a social enterprise.



As a CIC we must:

- meet the Community Interest Test;
- file an annual CIC report with our accounts;
- keep the community in touch with our activities;
- only use our assets and profits for the community specified (or pass them to another body with similar features), known as the asset lock;
- be registered at Companies House like any company with the same incorporation documents **plus** a Community Interest Statement.

We are seeking interested and sympathetic people to become members of the Company.

Membership Guidelines

We offer two categories of membership: Individual or Organisation. The term of membership is five years: during this time the individual or organisation can resign from membership. After five years another application for membership can be made.

As a member you will have the right to do the following things:

- attend and vote at general meetings;
- receive the annual accounts of the CIC;
- elect the directors by voting at the meeting;
- approve the regulations proposed by the directors relating to the governance of the CIC including the procedures governing applications for and approval of grants from the CIC's community fund;
- vote on any fundamental changes to the nature of the CIC, its name, its purposes, its policies or what happens to its surplus income.

You will not become liable for any debts of the CIC by becoming a member, nor will you become liable if someone brings a legal case against the CIC. If the CIC were to be wound up (if, for example, it cannot pay its debts) you would have to pay £1 to the CIC.

You will not be entitled to receive any dividend or other income from the CIC. If the CIC has surplus funds these will be retained to pay for the CIC's activities in the following years.

All nominated members will be approved by the directors under Article 23 of our Articles and Memorandum of Association and, in the event of more than the stated number of applicants being received, the Directors will select those members which they believe will produce a balanced membership both in terms of locality and type of interest.

You do not need to pay any money to become a member but we welcome all donations!

You can donate via our website www.growingbetterlives.org.

Alternatively, you can send a cheque (made payable to 'Growing Better Lives CIC'), to our address (on the next page) or email us on donate@growingbetterlives.org for details of making a bank transfer.

And if you don't want to join us as a member but wish to support us in other ways you can donate or email us at members@growingbetterlives.org to tell us what support you would like to give.

Membership Application form

If you are interested in becoming a member complete this application return it to the address stated.

Alternatively, go online to our website Membership page www.growingbetterlives.org

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To the Chair, Growing Better Lives cic ltd
The Yurt, Iver Environment Centre,
Slough Road, Iver Heath, SL0 OEB

I hereby apply to become a full voting member of Growing Better Lives Community Interest Company (the "CIC") subject to the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the CIC.

I have read the membership guidelines (contained in the letter of invitation). In accordance with clause 7 of the CIC's Memorandum of Association I agree to pay to the CIC an amount of up to £1.00 if the CIC is wound up while I am a member or for up to 12 months after I have ceased to be a member.

I have read the membership guidelines.

Individual/organisation membership

(delete as appropriate)

Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

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