

# Friends of the Earth Scotland AGM 2022

## **Motion to amend FoES Rules in order to facilitate network representation on Board and for other purposes**

The below Board motion was submitted to the AGM 2018 and the AGM voted in favour of it. The changes to the Rules have not yet been undertaken.

Background: When the Governance subcommittee submitted the motion to change the Rules, they were unaware that any changes to the Aims of the organisation registered with OSCR, including grammatical or typographical ones, require approval by OSCR within a specific time limit before the changes are proposed to the AGM. This deadline had been missed for the 2018 AGM.

Various reasons led to further delays in the work and in 2020 the Governance subcommittee dissolved and handed over the outstanding work to the FoES Operations team.

We are delighted to update the AGM 2022 as we have received approval from OSCR to go ahead with proposed changes to the FoES Rules as per the original motion.

Members are asked to consider and approve the proposed changes to the Rules.

Proposed and seconded by the Board 11.06.2022

“Recently the FoES Board considered a proposal that Young Friends of the Earth Scotland (YFoES) be granted standing representation on the Board, and decided that it would be appropriate to create two standing Board positions, one for the national YFoES network and another for the network of FoE local groups in Scotland. The proposal requires changes to the FoES Rules, and only the FoES membership can approve changes to the Rules, so the Board now presents appropriate changes for approval by members.

The opportunity has been taken to clarify in the Rules that FoES group members are not required to pay annual subscriptions, and to make other minor clarifications and corrections to the Rules, almost all grammatical or typographical.

In the attached copy of the Rules, the proposed amendments are shown as tracked changes (i.e. words or letters to be added are shown underlined, those to be deleted are shown crossed through, and each change is denoted by a vertical line in the left-hand margin), and are summarised as follows:

- The proposed new provision for network representation on the Board is Rule 15e. (All subsequent paragraphs of Rule 15 have been re-numbered, but this formatting change is not shown.)

- The proposed clarification on membership subscriptions is in Rules 8a, 8b and 9.
- Other minor corrections and clarifications are proposed in Rules 1, 3, 4, 7, 8a, 8c, 8d, 11a, 13b, 14a, 14c, 14f, 15b, 15c, 15f, 15l, 16c, 16j, 17a, 17b, 18a, 18b, 21a and 23.

Members are asked to consider and approve the proposed changes to the Rules.

Proposed and seconded by the Board, 13 June 2018”