

1. Name

The Branch shall be called the '1066 EM branch' of the European Movement (EM), covering the current Parliamentary constituencies of Bexhill and Battle and Hastings and Rye. It shall operate in accordance with the European Movement of the United Kingdom (EM/UK), and comply with the EM/UK's constitutional provisions.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Branch shall be:

- a) to promote awareness both of the benefits of the UK's membership of the European Union and of wider European issues.
- b) to contribute to the debate on the political, social, economic, environmental and cultural policies of the European Union.

3. Membership

Full membership is open to those who are fully paid up members of the EM and in the following categories; Individual Membership, Youth Membership and Unwaged and Low Income membership and subject to the terms and conditions of the EM.

There shall be provision for Corporate Membership at the discretion of the Committee, in consultation with EM/UK.

4. Officers

There shall be Officers: a Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Nominations for the Officers' posts and Committee membership for the following year shall be received in writing by the Secretary at least 7 days before the AGM.

5. Committee

A Committee shall carry out Branch business between AGMs. It shall consist of the Officers and up to 9 other members elected at the AGM. If required, vacancies for Officers may be filled by substitution agreed by the Committee from amongst its members. The Committee shall have the power of co-option. The quorum for the Committee shall be 4, including at least 2 Officers; if required the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

6. Accounting

The management of the Branch's funds shall comply with standard current financial practice.

7. AGM

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held at a time to be decided by the Committee.

- i) All current paid-up members of the Branch shall be notified of the arrangements for an AGM at least 14 days in advance.
- ii) All such members present at the AGM shall be entitled to vote.
- iii) The quorum for voting at all General Meetings shall be 10 members, including at least 2 of the Officers.
- iv) If necessary the Chairperson shall have a casting vote

v)At the AGM members shall:

- a) receive a report from the Chairperson.
- b) adopt an annual statement of audited accounts.
- c) elect Officers and Committee members for the coming year.
- d) appoint or re-confirm an auditor for the coming year.
- e) conduct any other business notified at least 7 days in advance.

8. Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be held by decision of the Committee, or at the written request of at least 10 paid-up Branch members. Members shall have at least 14 days notice of an EGM.

9. Meetings

Ordinary meetings of the Branch will normally be held at least once a quarter or at any other frequency agreed by the committee. ^{Amendment of the Constitution}

Amendment of the Constitution may be made only at an AGM, or an EGM called for that purpose, with the voting approval of at least two thirds of the Branch members present.

10. Disposal of funds

If the Branch's activities cease, any remaining funds shall be disposed of by decision of a final AGM or EGM. If such a meeting cannot be held or is inquorate, funds shall be transferred to EM/UK. If EM/UK's activities cease, the Branch shall continue its operations until the constitutional position is regularised.

11. Funding

The Branch activities will be self funded by means of individual contributions, donations or Branch fund raising activities. It is recommended that all members of the branch consider a minimum annual donation of £10 to enable the Branch to undertake its constitutional duties.