



# OSGeo:UK Constitution

## NAME

The name of the organisation shall be: OSGeo:UK.

## AIMS

The OSGeo (the Open Source Geospatial Foundation) Foundation is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to foster global adoption of open geospatial technology by being an inclusive software foundation devoted to an open philosophy and participatory community driven development.

We are a Local Chapter of OSGeo. The aims of OSGeo:UK shall be to support the aims of the global OSGeo Foundation within the UK.

Specifically, OSGeo:UK's aims are:

- To establish a focal point for developers and users of open source geospatial software within the UK, for networking and advice,
- To raise the profile of open source geospatial development within the UK.
- To promote open source geospatial software as a viable choice for all types of users.

*More details of how we run OSGeo:UK are available in the OSGeo:UK Operating Procedures document.*

## POWERS

To further these aims the committee shall have power to:

- (a) Obtain, collect and receive money or funds by way of contributions, donations, grants, membership fees and any other lawful method towards the aims of OSGeo:UK.
- (b) Associate with other organisations in a common effort to carry out the aims of OSGeo:UK.
- (c) Do all such lawful things as will further the aims of OSGeo:UK.

## MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Voting membership shall be open to individuals who pay the annual membership fee as designated by the Committee, or who are included on the OSGeo:UK mailing list.

(b) All votes are an individual vote, with 1 vote per individual. To vote, a voting member must be in attendance at a meeting with voting requirements.

(c) The Committee may at its discretion set concessionary fees for students and the unemployed.

(d) The Committee has the power to reject or terminate membership of those deemed to be unduly disruptive to the aims of OSGeo:UK. Any offensive behaviour, including racist, sexist or inflammatory remarks, will not be permitted. Anyone behaving in an offensive way or breaking the code of conduct may be asked not to attend further meetings or to resign from the group if an apology is not given or the behaviour is repeated. The individual concerned shall have the right to be heard by the committee, accompanied by a friend, before a final decision is made.

(e) Each member will be required to provide a current email address which will be used for all communications, notifications of meetings and access to online voting systems.

## MANAGEMENT

(a) A Management Committee elected at Annual General Meetings shall manage OSGeo:UK.

(b) The Committee shall consist of 3 officers and up to 6 committee members.

(c) At each Annual General Meeting (AGM), at least 1 officer and 2 committee members will be up for re-election. Each of these members will have a term of 3 years, with no limit on re-election.

(d) Any committee member not attending 2 consecutive meetings without apology will be contacted by the committee and asked if they wish to resign.

(e) In the event of an officer standing down during the year a replacement will be elected at a specifically organised Special General Meeting (SGM) or at the next AGM. In the event of a committee member standing down during the year a replacement will be elected at the next AGM.

(f) The committee shall meet as needed, no less than 3 times each year, in addition to the Annual General Meeting.

(g) At least 1 officer and 3 committee members must be present at a committee meeting to be able to make decisions.

(h) Committee meetings may be held in person, electronically, or by any combination of methods, provided all participants can communicate effectively with each other during the meeting.

- (i) A proper record of all transactions and meetings shall be maintained and published on the OSGeo:UK web site and mailing list.

## GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held within 21 months of the date of the adoption of this constitution and each year thereafter.
- (b) Notices of the AGM shall be published one month beforehand and a report on OSGeo:UK's financial position for the previous year will be made available at the same time.
- (c) An SGM may be called at any time at the request of the committee, or not less than one quarter of the membership. A notice explaining the place, date, time and reason shall be sent to all members 1 month in advance.
- (d) 5% of membership or 5 members being present, whichever is the greater, shall enable a General Meeting to take place.
- (e) Proposals to change the constitution must be given in writing to the secretary at least 1 month before an AGM and approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

## ACCOUNTS

- (a) The funds of OSGeo:UK including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the management committee.
  - 1. All cheques drawn on the account must be signed by at least 2 members of the Committee.
  - 2. Online payments must be pre-authorised by 2 members of the Committee.
- (b) The funds belonging to OSGeo:UK shall be applied only to further the aims of OSGeo:UK.
- (c) A current record of all income, funding and expenditure will be kept.

## DISSOLUTION

- (a) OSGeo:UK may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a simple two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting.
- (b) If confirmed, the committee shall distribute any assets remaining after the payment of all bills to open geospatial projects, other charitable group(s), or organisation(s) with aims similar to OSGeo:UK or some other charitable purpose(s) as OSGeo:UK may decide.

(c) Signed by Chair: Nick Bearman      Date 08/01/2026

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Signed by Secretary: Ant Scott      Date 12/01/2026

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Signed by Treasurer Jashanpreet Singh      Date 13/01/2026

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