

# FYLDE CIVIC AWARENESS GROUP



## ***JOINING THE GROUP***

### **WHO CAN JOIN?**

Any group that has influence or interest in the Borough of Fylde can apply to join. You might be a parish council, a protest group, a support group, or a charity that organises speakers or debates. The common denominator is an interest in how we are governed and how local government can affect our lives.

### **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?**

As a Group Member of FCAG, you will be in the company of other like-minded groups offering new ideas, greater experience, links into the higher echelons of civic life in Fylde, and the willingness to offer support and encouragement.

Without any loss of autonomy, information can be shared, alliances formed, and understanding gained. We believe you will find membership beneficial.

You also enjoy the right to send a representative to the Delegate Assembly which conducts the business of the group. This can give you advantage, and provide access to people who know what is going on 'behind the scenes' of civic life.

### **WHAT DOES MEMBERSHIP COST?**

Membership carries an expectation of a small contribution - graded according to the size of your group.

For Member Groups there will be an expected annual contribution of:

- Groups with up to and including 100 members £10 pa
- Groups with 101 to 500 members £25 pa
- Groups with over 500 members and Town/Parish Councils etc £50 pa

### **CAN I SEE YOUR CONSTITUTION?**

Yes. Just email us and ask for a copy

### **HOW DO WE APPLY TO JOIN?**

It's easy. Just write or email, and ask.

We will ask to see your rules or your constitution if you have one. If not we will ask for the aims and objectives of your group.

We also need to know approximately how many members you have, and if you publish a financial report, we would like to see a copy of the most recent version available.

If you are a new group and don't have all this set up yet, don't worry, just get in touch and talk to us – we can probably help you to get established.

### **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WE APPLY?**

Your application will be put before our Delegate Assembly who make the decision. Depending on the date you apply, this can take up to 6 weeks or so.

If you are a new group trying to get started, we may be able to help on a pro-tem basis - so the formalities can be completed whilst you are getting help and support from our members.

### **WHERE ARE THE MEETINGS HELD?**

At the moment they are held in Lytham, usually in the evenings.

### **CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

Yes. Just ring or email the Clerk - Fred Moor.

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