



## **Bylaws Of Aire Valley UK ( 9695)**

( to be read in conjunction with HOG Chapter Charter )

### **1. Name & Address**

The name of the Chapter shall be “ Aire Valley UK ” . The Chapter is contactable by post at the address below :

The Director,  
Aire Valley UK,  
72, Rawdon Road,  
Horsforth,  
Leeds  
LS18 5EW

Or by email : [director@avhog.co.uk](mailto:director@avhog.co.uk)

### **2. Purpose**

The purpose of Aire Valley UK ( hereafter referred to as “The Chapter” ) shall be to promote responsible motorcycling activities for Harley Owners Group members by conducting Chapter activities and events. Chapter activities and operations shall be conducted in a manner consistent with a family orientated, non-political and fully inclusive philosophy.

### **3. Constitution**

The Chapter is a “Members Only” organisation. Every member of The Chapter shall, subject to the terms and principles of the HOG Chapter Charter, the standards required by the Sponsoring Dealer and the Chapter Bylaws in force at the time, be entitled to enjoy, in common with other Chapter members, Chapter activities and events but shall not, by their membership, be under any financial liability, other than payment of their annual subscription. The Chapter’s Sponsoring Dealership is currently Leeds Harley Davidson.

### **4. Admission of Members**

Applicants must have a current, paid up, HOG membership and commencement of the Chapter membership will be upon receipt of annual subscription at which point a

digital membership card will be issued. The Chapter Committee or Sponsoring Dealer shall have the power to refuse to accept any person's application.

## **5. Committee**

The management of The Chapter shall be entrusted to a Chapter Director who will be elected for a period of two years. The Director will select a committee comprising of Chapter Members with three consecutive years of active membership within Aire Valley UK but this condition may be waived at the Director's discretion where authorised by the Sponsoring Dealer. All Committee Members are expected to perform the duties detailed in their job descriptions in the HOG Chapter Charter. The Committee shall meet when requested by the Chapter Director throughout the riding season. The quorum for a Committee Meeting shall be a minimum of 50% of elected officers.

## **6. Elected Officers**

Prior to the biennial election for the Chapter Director's position, nominations for the post must be submitted to the Sponsoring Dealership a minimum of SIX WEEKS prior to the Annual General Meeting ( AGM ). The Sponsoring Dealer has the right to interview and veto any prospective applicant if they deem the application to be not in the best interest of The Chapter. At the Monthly Meeting prior to the AGM, all approved applicants for the position will be asked to present their manifestos. A vote will be held at the next AGM by secret ballot, conducted and counted by the Sponsoring Dealer / Club Secretary. No applicants should begin any campaigning for their election prior to being approved by the Sponsoring Dealer. In all cases, no campaigning for any Committee position should begin more than 6 weeks prior to the AGM. Members unable to attend the AGM will be able to vote via post, or via email into the Sponsoring Dealer.

## **7. Subscriptions**

The annual subscription shall be decided by the membership at the AGM. Subscriptions shall be due and payable by existing members on 1<sup>st</sup> January of each year. Membership runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year. For new members, first year's Chapter membership is free. The Secretary shall give notice of due membership. The Committee reserve the right to terminate the membership of any person / persons who fail to pay by 1<sup>st</sup> March of the current year.

## **8. Meetings**

The Chapter shall hold regularly monthly meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each calendar month at such times / places shall be deemed necessary. The Committee reserve the right, at their discretion, to change the date / time / location of said meeting, providing sufficient notice is given.

## **9. Aire Valley UK (9695) Facebook Group Etiquette**

This Social Medium is available to all paid up members but please do not use bad language or profanities in the group. In addition to this request the following guidelines should be observed :

- a) DO NOT criticise other members
- b) DO NOT raise complaints, these should be addressed face to face
- c) DO NOT promote your Chapter politics
- d) DO NOT promote or advertise any goods / products / services

Any posts including any of the above or anything which conflicts with the wellbeing and prosperity of the Chapter will be removed from the group by Admin immediately.

#### **10. Application of profit**

No monies of the Chapter or any gain arising from the activities of the Chapter shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the Chapter as a whole or for the furtherance of the objects of the Chapter in accordance with the HOG Chapter Charter and statutory regulations

#### **11. Accounts**

Abbreviated accounts of the financial affairs of the Chapter will be presented at the AGM with printed copies available for members to view at that meeting. The full accounts are available to any member upon request

#### **12. Borrowing Powers**

The Chapter shall not have any borrowing powers.

#### **13. Bylaws**

The Committee may, from time to time and in agreement with the Sponsoring Dealer, Make, vary, or revoke Bylaws to aid the regulation of internal affairs of the Chapter and the conduct of members. In this case, the Secretary shall, as soon as possible but under any circumstances within 28 days, give written notice of any changes. All current Bylaws are binding on all members, no exceptions.

#### **14. General Meetings**

An Annual General Meeting ( AGM ) shall be held in November of each year. The agenda of the AGM will include, but may not be limited to, the presentation of the annual accounts, up to date membership numbers and any other business required. Special General Meetings may be called by the Committee if they are summoned to do so by NO LESS than one third of the membership of the Chapter. Should such meetings be called for, the Committee shall give no less than 2 weeks' notice to the membership, the details being displayed on the Chapter Notice Board in the Sponsoring Dealership. A Special General Meeting shall have the power to remove / elect officers of the Chapter as and when considered necessary.

#### **15. Voting**

At the Chapter AGM, each attending paid up member shall have one vote. The Chapter Director shall preside at all meetings( regular monthly or AGM ) but if they are not available, then the meeting shall be chaired by the Assistant Director

#### **16. Conduct of Members**

The Committee shall have the power to recommend to the Sponsoring dealer, expulsion from the Chapter of any member who contravenes the HOG Chapter Charter or whose conduct shall, in the opinion of the Committee, render them unfit for membership of Aire Valley UK. Any person expelled as a result shall be excluded from any / all Chapter activity and communication, their annual subscription will be refunded and they will have no claim of any type against the Chapter, the Committee, or any member thereof. In accordance with the UK and Ireland Chapter Code of Conduct, members are encouraged to socialise, integrate, and establish relationships

and friendships with other Chapter members. However, if in doing so, a member/ members are seen to be creating a sub-group with it's own identity or recruiting for another riding club within the Chapter, they may be deemed to be working in opposition to the Chapter and it's aims and asked to relinquish their Chapter membership. It is recognised that Chapter members may be members or be affiliated with other motorcycling organisations or other HOG Chapters. This could affect the member's eligibility to hold an Officer's position within Aire Valley UK.

#### **17. Disputes**

Any disputes arising out of or not covered by the HOG Chapter Charter or Aire Valley UK Bylaws shall be referred to the Sponsoring dealer / Committee whose decision shall be final

#### **18. Dissolution**

In the event of the dissolution or final liquidation of the Chapter by the Sponsoring Dealer, or a majority of two thirds of the membership at a Special General Meeting, all the remaining available funds and property of the Chapter shall, after payment, or making provision for payment, of all liabilities and obligations of the Chapter and necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to organisations which are organised and operated exclusively for charitable purposes. In no event shall any such assets or property be distributed to any Director, Officer or private individual.

#### **19. Disclaimer**

Whilst Aire Valley UK may be affiliated with HOG, the Chapter remains a separate, independent entity responsible for its own actions. All HOG members participate in voluntarily and at their own risk in HOG Chapter activities. The Sponsoring dealer, HOG, Harley Davidson Inc and Aire Valley UK are released and held harmless by any member for any injury / loss to that member or their property which may result from participation in HOG / Chapter activities