

USL Life CIC has Members under its constitution.

### **Rights of Members**

Members will be able to read all records of Directors and other meetings (unless the relevant meeting feels all or part of its records must remain in confidence and the Directors agree). Members will be able to see the budget and annual account summaries. Members will be invited to attend AGMs and EGMs and will be able to vote at those meetings. Members will be able to call EGMs if certain conditions are met. Directors will be elected by members at AGMs or EGMs.

### **Eligibility for membership**

To be eligible for membership a person must

- Be 16 years old or over, and
- Live, or work, or have a business, or have a second home, in the village of Upton St Leonards, or
- Live, or work, or have a business, or have a second home, within 2 miles of the village and have a current or recent connection with the village, or
- Be on the electoral roll of the Parish Church or a regular worshipper there.
- If they feel there would be benefit to USL Life CIC, the Directors will have the power to declare someone eligible for membership, even though the criteria above are not met.

### **Becoming a member**

To become a member, a person must apply to the Company Secretary, showing their eligibility. Applicants must give an address and a contact telephone number. The Directors have the power to refuse membership, but they must give a reason for the refusal in writing to the applicant. Membership will begin, provided the applicant is eligible and the Directors have not refused, two calendar months after the date of the application.

### **Ceasing to be a member**

A member can cease his or her membership by notifying the Company Secretary at any time. If a member becomes ineligible by moving away from the area the membership will lapse at the next AGM.

### **Renewing membership every three years**

Every 3 years, members will be asked to renew, simply by notifying the Company Secretary. If they fail to renew within 3 months of the notice to renew, their membership will lapse. If they remain eligible, they can re-apply for membership as above.

### **Life membership**

The Directors or an AGM can award Life Membership to an individual in recognition of great service towards the goals of the Newsletter. Life Membership is for life, regardless of current and future eligibility. Life Members have the same rights as ordinary members.

There will be no cost associated with becoming or remaining a member. Members do share in the company liability if the company is wound up with debts, for an amount not exceeding £1 per member.