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I have been asked to comment on the viability of the club becoming registered as a Charity. I currently work for The Houses of Parliament specifically for 2 MPs as a community funding and charity officer, I donot hold a Charity Management Certificate but I have been employed for the last 8 years in this field, giving general advice and bid writing services free of charge to constituents.

When I previously looked at the accounts last year, I asked the group to consider registering as I believed they were an unregistered charitable group trading above the legal £5k limit. On further investigation as far as I can see it is set up as a Private Members' club. As such it has the freedom to write its own governing document whether that bea constitution, a rule book or articles of association. You do not have to report to either the charity commission or companies' house.

You do not have to meet any charitable objectives. You must abide by English Law in all that you do, of particular note, discrimination on grounds of sex, gender orientation, age, disability, race or creed is unlawful.

You have a main governing committee with a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and the ability to set up as many or as few sub-committee's members feel is appropriate to manage the affairs of the club. Each committee should have its own set of rules but must link back to the over-arching principles of the Main rule book or constitution in regards to annual reporting and transparency. It would be usual for 1 member of the main committee to sit on any sub-committees to monitor and assure members that it is being run in accordance with the spirit of the Club.