

HARROW BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 1. Membership of the Association shall imply full acceptance of the current rules of the Association.**
- 2. The Association and members will treat everyone equally and with the same attention, courtesy and respect regardless of age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, marital status, civil partnership status, sexual orientation, race, racial group, colour, ethnic or national origin, nationality, religion or belief.**
- 3. Members shall manage their hives in such a way as to maintain healthy stocks and to minimise the risk of swarming. Members shall undertake such training as is necessary to keep up to date with current recommendations for managing and maintaining healthy disease free colonies and take appropriate action to notify any suspicion of notifiable diseases.**
- 4. Where members so desire the committee will endeavour to arrange for an inspection of stocks to be carried out at least once a year by a competent beekeeper who will give advice on problems of management. Applications for this service should be made to the secretary or to members of the committee.**
- 5. In so far as it is able to do so the Association will provide a swarm collection service for the benefit of the public. The Association will provide to relevant local authorities and other bodies a list of members approved to collect swarms. Such swarms are to be distributed to members who have notified the swarm coordinator that they wish their names to be placed on the "swarm list". The collection and distribution of swarms are subject to such regulations as may be imposed from time to time by the committee.**
- 6. The Association may obtain sites for use as apiaries. The committee shall decide the number of hives that may be placed on a site and have the power to refuse permission to any member to use any site and to require members to remove hives from any site.**
- 7. Members shall pay a rent and insurance premium determined at the AGM in respect of each hive on Association apiaries. The apiary supervisor shall be entitled to inspect hives on an Association apiary at his/her discretion. Notice of such inspection shall, except in the case of emergency, be given to the members concerned.**
- 8. An apiary supervisor shall be appointed for each Association apiary site. Members shall apply to the apiary manager for permission to use an Association site. Users of Association apiaries will be subject to such**

regulations as may be imposed from time to time by the committee. Members with hives on these sites will be asked to sign a copy of the apiary regulations to show they agree to be bound by them.

- 9. The Association shall endeavour to arrange at least one public honey and beekeeping show a year for the benefit of members and to educate and promote the craft of beekeeping to the public. Any honey or other products offered for sale at any show organised or attended by the Association shall be in accordance with current regulations and subject to any conditions imposed by the association and a levy imposed by the association for the benefit of HBKA and be sold subject to conditions imposed from time to time by the Association.**
- 10. Items of Association equipment may be loaned to members at a cost determined by the committee. Equipment that is damaged or lost shall be paid for at replacement cost by the borrower. The committee may stipulate conditions governing the use of equipment.**
- 11. No alterations to the Rules of the Association shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extra-ordinary General Meeting called for that purpose.**