



Conwy Beekeepers Ltd

Corporate History and Changes to the Membership Enlistment Process – August 2026

In 2014 Conwy Beekeepers Association formed a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) called 'Conwy Bees Ltd.' in order to limit exposure of particularly Committee members but also General members of the Conwy Beekeepers Association (CBKA) to legal and financial liabilities potentially arising as a result of Association activities. A CLG is a form of incorporated entity that has “Members” rather than shareholders, and where each Member’s liability is limited to a fixed amount — the “guarantee” — typically £1. There are no shares and no dividends. This structure is the workhorse of the non-profit and membership organisation sector: professional associations, trade bodies, residents’ associations, sports clubs, charities, and social enterprises all commonly use it. More information: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Company_limited_by_guarantee

In the same year (2014) the name of the company was changed from Conwy Bees Ltd to Conwy Beekeepers Limited (CBK)

In the normal course of events the Members of the CLG delegate responsibility for the running of the CLG to the Committee, who duly report to the Members of the CLG annually at AGM. This is the procedure your Committee continue to follow.

Committee understand that at inception in 2014, the founders of Conwy Bees Ltd intended that all Association members would become CLG Members and thus also guarantors of the Company but unfortunately this change was not effected at that time and as a result Conwy Beekeepers Ltd in 2026 is guaranteed by only the three founders, two of which are no longer members of the Association.

Your Committee is endeavouring to rectify this situation, to effect the aims of CBKA’s founding fathers, to properly align our corporate governance with

UK law, and to share associated liabilities equitably amongst members. According all members of the old Association will become Member guarantors of the CLG and each will bear a maximum liability of one pound sterling (£1). This means making some changes to our membership enlistment process.

From Autumn 2026, the membership enlistment process will include a mandatory consent clause through which new and existing members will become Members of CBK. Other than that, nothing has changed.

Membership enlistment will be completed digitally, in keeping with UK law, as follows. Upon filing an application to join or renew your membership of the Association, and upon paying your fees, you will be consenting to the following statement and thereby become a Member of the Company.

Conwy Beekeepers Ltd. (CBK) is a non-profit making 'Company Limited by Guarantee', a corporate structure which provides limited liability and protection for CBK Member's personal assets from any company debts, fines or lawsuits. Full Members act as guarantors rather than shareholders. When you submit your application form and pay your membership fee, you apply to become a member of Conwy Beekeepers Ltd and as a Member (Full Members only), you undertake to pay a nominal sum of £1, as specified in the Articles of the Association, towards the company's debts in the unlikely event that the company be dissolved whilst you are a Member, or for a period of one year after your membership ceases.