

# How To Get The Area Lead Option Implemented And Back on Schedule!!!

## 1. Constitutional Sub-Committee finishes "National Constitution"

**When: No later than the January NEC meeting**

The Constitutional sub-committee creates a Constitution (capable of being charitable at some point in the future) for a new body, which has only 6 members to begin with, each paying £500 per year membership fee (or more realistically, £125 per quarter). The members, if you hadn't guessed, are the Areas; and the new body is what will eventually replace the National Tier. The sub-committee finishes its work promptly by the January NEC meeting.

## 2. The Constitutional sub-committee also finishes a new model Area Constitution.

**When: No later than the January NEC meeting.**

Realistically, this will actually take more work than the National Constitution.

## 3. The Inaugural Meeting of the new National Body takes place.

**When: At the January NEC meeting itself.**

Now, it is true that a fully minuted *General Meeting* of all the members is needed to ratify the constitution. However, because there are only six members of this new body, the only people who need to be present at this *General Meeting* are *the six signatories for those members* (i.e. the Area Chairman).

Thenceforth, the new National Body can start to meet and take decisions in the way originally envisaged in the Area Lead Option.

There are thus two bodies which for a short period will be existing side by side: the old National Federation as was, and a separate organisation - the new National Body - to which all the Areas happen to be signed up to.

## 4. The NEC agrees to indemnify both the Areas and Groups for all the extra money they are having to pay until the transition period is finally complete.

**When: At the January NEC meeting.**

To wit:

- For Groups: any Group Levies that would have been charged;
- For Areas: £25 per individual who renews after the January NEC meeting.

## 5. The Areas now each call their own Conferences at which to implement their new Area-Constitutions.

**When: Between the January NEC meeting and the final ANC.**

This is very important, as each Area can only assume it's full responsibilities under the Area-Lead Option - and more importantly, it's right to collect Membership fees itself - once it has its own new constitution.

## 6. The New Body can start to issue New Membership Cards to individual Areas.

**When: As soon as an individual Area implements it's new Constitution.**

## **7. The Final ANC takes place.**

**When: Once every Area has implemented its new Constitution.**

This takes place to pass just two motions:

- Ownership of the Federation's property (i.e. the Reserves) is passed to the new National Body
- Once the transfer of ownership is completed, the National Federation is closed.

Thus although the ANC closes the *National Federation*, the new National Body is entirely unaffected by it. The new National Body has effectively become that National Tier, as was originally envisaged by the Area-lead Option.