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The Trustees are the governing body of the Ramblers. They use their individual skills and expertise knowledge to make decisions and grant approval in areas such as the operational plan, strategic direction, financial concerns, policy and potential risks.

The Ramblers hold a General Council meeting once a year, usually in spring and the location varies.

It is the role of General Council to approve the annual report and accounts and to elect the Board of Trustees. Delegates at General Council have the opportunity to present motions for debate.

Motions concern a particular stance that the Ramblers should take in light of current issues related to the organisation. Any proposed change to the governance of the organisation has to be approved by General Council. The Board of Trustees will take proper account of all motions that are passed. In this sense, the membership has a good opportunity in determining the policy and direction of the organisation.

Delegates from each Area make up the vast majority of General Council. Each Area is encouraged to send at least two delegates to attend General Council and each Area has the right to submit one motion for consideration by General Council.

The Area determines which individual members to send to General Council as its delegates. In some cases the decision is taken at the Area's AGM. In other cases it is a decision that is taken by the Area Council.

Through the delegate system, Groups have the opportunity to be involved in the decision-making process of the Ramblers. By bringing important concerns to the fore at Area level, there is the opportunity to share them with other Groups. Concerns that are deemed by the Area membership to be significant can then be taken to General Council by the Area's delegates.