

Transition Sooke - Membership Policy

Classes of members

- Transition Sooke has two classes of members, to reflect the broad email list with over 400 subscribers and the much smaller group that comes to meetings to vote and discuss issues.
 - Email subscribers will be known as ‘**associate members**’ while people who regularly come to meetings or are involved with action groups will be known as ‘**active members**’.
 - Only active members will be voting members.
 - It is from the Active Member list, not the email list, that membership numbers for official purposes are collected, and from which issues such as quorum are calculated.

Voting Rights of Active Members

- Active members attain voting rights in Transition Sooke when they sign the active member sheet at their second meeting.

Renewal of membership

Membership in Transition Sooke is to be renewed annually at specific date, not on the anniversary of the date they joined.

- Annually, an email will be sent to everyone on the active members list asking if they wish to remain on the active members’ list, move to the associate members’ list, or withdraw from membership. If they wish to remain on the list, they need to respond; if they don’t respond, they will be moved to the email list of associate members.
- To reject membership, an associate member has only to unsubscribe from the list, and an active member can ask to be removed or can simply not respond to the annual refreshing of the list.
- Membership in Transition Sooke is attained without member dues. Persons becoming active members affirm their support for the constitution.

Active Member Voting Privileges

- Active member voting privileges are attained when an individual has attended two general meetings, either consecutively or within three months. Active participation in an action team or group could stand in lieu of meeting attendance. If the member is unable to attend the two meetings in the time allotted.

Statement of members’ shared values and intentions

- The constitution of the Sooke Transition Town Society (Transition Sooke) will appear across the top of the Active Member’s attendance sheet, which is circulated at every general meeting. Meeting participants will be reminded that signing the sheet affirms their support for the constitution.

Collection of needed information from members

- To ensure proper maintenance of membership records, Transition Sooke’s Active Member attendance sheet will be modified to include contact information required by the Societies Act.

Date of Membership Renewal

- Annual Membership renewal would take place in January of each year.