

## TRUSTEESHIP - a new constitution for society. Ray Sheath 2011

PREAMBLE: Man's natural sociality creates social boundaries\* that bring into being utility\*\* and power which should be used for the single moral purpose of the development\*\*\* and flourishing of all individuals standing inside and outside of those social boundaries and in harmony with the Earth.

### EXPOSITORY ARTICLES

(1) Trusteeship is the counter force to ownership, profit & the use of organisational power for personal gain and greed in society today. All assets are regarded as "The Commons" and held in trust. In particular the power brought into being is considered an asset held in trust.

(2) It is recognised that in a group people are able to achieve tasks and develop themselves in ways that they cannot on their own. Yet individuals as agents within a social boundary are also capable of selfishness, abuse of power and violence, whether physical or otherwise, leading to inequalities, oppression and conflicts. *(See 7 below)*

(3) Individuals who are part of a group and who hold the Trusteeship world view are Trustees in Common irrespective of their organisational role in pursuing the utility (*business*) of the group.

(4) The impact of the utility and power created through sociality ripples everywhere in the world socially and environmentally. There are no externalities – the group is not separate from the world – it is a living system and has the same impact as living systems.

(5) Trusteeship is always mindful of future generations

(6) Trusteeship is a democratisation of society from the inside of the social group, which is the sole effective method of democratisation (it can never be imposed from the outside). It also follows that external regulation always fails in the long run. As Goethe said, *"That government is best which teaches us to govern ourselves"*.

(7) If the utility or power does not fulfil the single moral purpose, Trustees in Common are responsible for restoration of Trusteeship or dissolving the social group.

(8) The affairs are managed such that there is no surplus value created in Trusteeship and therefore no distribution of surplus value. Surplus is only required for being the right organisational size for the moral purpose.

(9) Trusteeship is a way of individual and organisational being, not a legal structure. Legal structures are important but ultimately not as important as people and their inner compass.

*\*companies, organisations, associations, societies, movements, countries, religions etc)*

*\*\* Utility taken as the capacity to produce goods and services in an effective and efficient manner*

*\*\*\*Development taken as an unfolding*