



BSG Investment Policy

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1. Introduction

1.1 The BSG is an unincorporated grant making charity established for the advancement of the science of geomorphology, in research, in all levels of education, and in its practical application..

1.2 The financial objective of the BSGs investments is to act as a partial reserve (see reserve policy) which can be drawn upon in the event of a catastrophic loss of income.

1.3 The BSG currently has approximately £25k of investment, with the remaining reserve budget held as cash in our charity saving account.

1.4 The trustees of the BSG have delegated decision making on finance and investment matters to the Finance Sub-Committee.

2. Investment Objectives

2.1 The BSG adopts a total return approach to investment, generating the investment return from income and capital gains or losses. The BSG seeks to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk and within ethical considerations (see 6).

2.2 The investment objective is to provide a partial reserve fund which maximises the return on the committed sum, whilst maintaining flexibility for rapid withdrawal.

3. Risk

3.1 Attitude to risk

The BSG does not rely on the investment return to fund its charitable aims. Rather, investments form a part of the reserves (see separate policy governing the amount that the BSG should hold in reserve). Therefore, the aim of the investment is to provide a return above that which would be gained from leaving the funds in a current or savings account. As the sum is relatively small, but potentially invested for a long period, the BSG accept that the overall value of the investment may fall below the sum originally invested. The treasurer should regularly report the investment performance to the finance sub-committee and decisions upon possible drawdown should be made at the committee level if the trajectory of the fund is a cause for concern.

4. Liquidity Requirements

4.1 The primary charitable objectives of the BSG revolved around grant giving, outreach and PGR support, equating to approximately £50k per annum. This can be funded from both income and capital.

4.2 In case the reserve plan needs to be implemented, the trustees wish to keep the assets in investments that can be realised within one month.



5. Time Horizon

5.1 The BSG is expected to exist in perpetuity and investments should be managed to meet the investment objective and ensure this sustainability.

5.2 The BSG can adopt a long term investment time horizon assuming the risk of major income reduction (Wiley royalties and grant) remains minimal.

6. Ethical Investment Policy

6.1 The BSG assets should be invested in line with its aims and scope which concern Earth surface processes. The trustees have decided to adopt an exclusionary policy, only investing in funds that refrain from supporting companies and practices that might be considered damaging to the natural environment, such as oil/gas and weapons production.

7. Management, Reporting and Monitoring

7.1 The BSG has appointed a professional investment management firm, Jupiter, to manage the assets on a discretionary basis in line with this policy.

7.2 The Finance sub-committee has responsibility for agreeing the investment strategy and monitoring the investment assets.

7.3 The Finance sub-committee is to report formally to the Executive committee on at least an annual basis through the annual report.

8. Approval and Review

This Investment Policy Statement was prepared by the treasurer and finance sub-committee of the BSG to provide a framework for the management of its investment assets. It will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure continuing appropriateness.

Approved by the Finance sub-committee Chair

Dated 01/09/2017