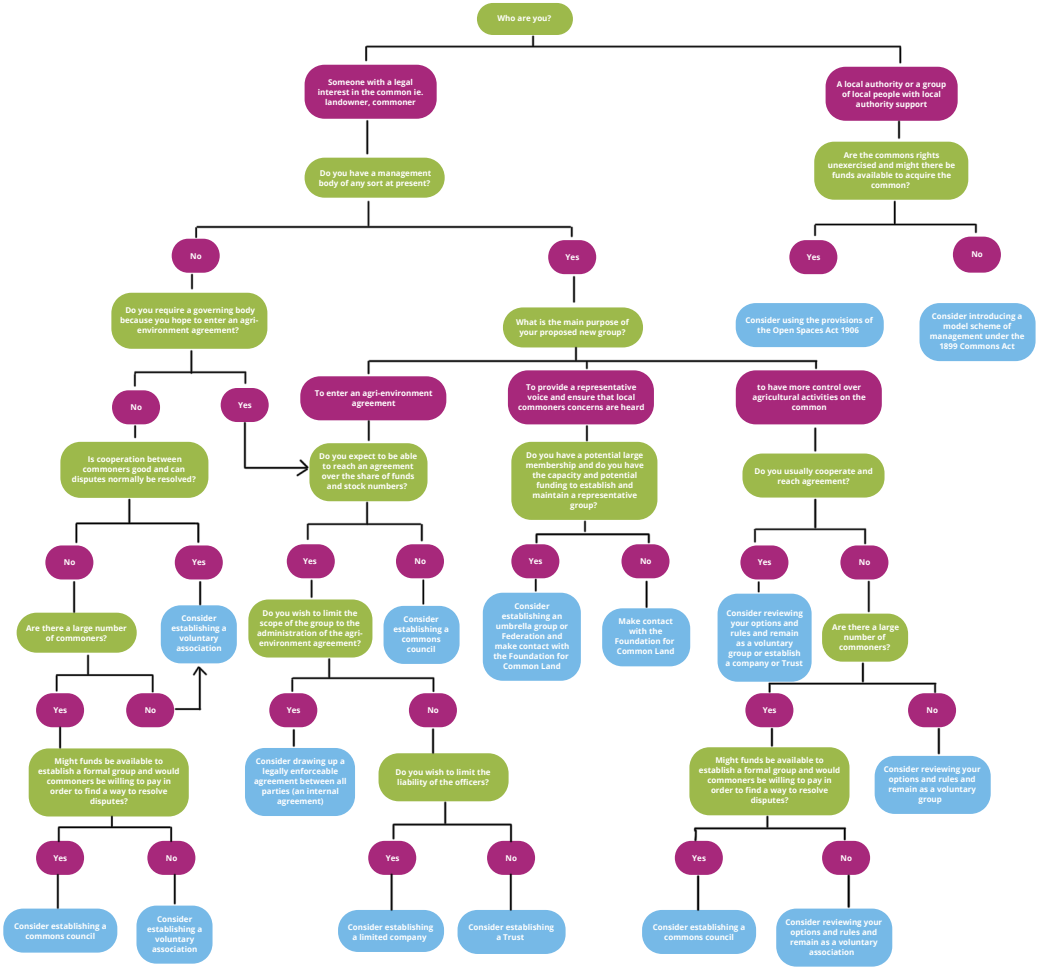
Who are you?
Someone with a legal interest in the common ie. landowner, commoner
A local authority or a group of local people with local authority support
Do you have a management body of any sort at present?
Are the commons rights unexercised and might there be funds available to acquire the common?
No
Yes
Yes
No
Do you require a governing body because you hope to enter an agri-environment agreement?
What is the main purpose of your proposed new group?
Consider using the provisions of the Open Spaces Act 1906
Consider introducing a model scheme of management under the 1899 Commons Act
No
Yes
To enter an agri-environment agreement
To provide a representative voice and ensure that local commoners concerns are heard
to have more control over agricultural activities on the common
Is cooperation between commoners good and can disputes normally be resolved?
Do you expect to be able to reach an agreement over the share of funds and stock numbers?
Do you have a potential large membership and do you have the capacity and potential funding to establish and maintain a representative group?
Do you usually cooperate and reach agreement?
No
Yes
Yes
No
Yes
No
Yes
No
Are there a large number of commoners?
Consider establishing a voluntary association
Do you wish to limit the scope of the group to the administration of the agri-environment agreement?
Consider establishing a commons council
Consider establishing an umbrella group or Federation and make contact with the Foundation for Common Land
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Consider reviewing your options and rules and remain as a voluntary group or establish a company or Trust
Are there a large number of commoners?
Yes
No
Yes
No
Yes
No
Might funds be available to establish a formal group and would commoners be willing to pay in order to find a way to resolve disputes?
Consider drawing up a legally enforceable agreement between all parties (an internal agreement)
Do you wish to limit the liability of the officers?
Might funds be available to establish a formal group and would commoners be willing to pay in order to find a way to resolve disputes?
Consider reviewing your options and rules and remain as a voluntary group
Yes
No
Yes
No
Yes
No
Consider establishing a commons council
Consider establishing a voluntary association
Consider establishing a limited company
Consider establishing a Trust
Consider establishing a commons council
Consider reviewing your options and rules and remain as a voluntary association