



# CONSTITUTION (2006)

[SOCIETY FORMED IN 1967]

## 1. NAME

The name of the Society shall be the Ealing Civic Society.

## 2. OBJECTS

The Objects of the Society shall be by charitable means to -

- a) encourage high standards of architecture and town planning in the London Borough of Ealing,
- b) stimulate public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the Borough,
- c) encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest,
- d) pursue these ends by means of meetings, exhibitions, lectures, publications, other forms of instruction and publicity, and promotion of schemes of a charitable nature..

None of the Society's objects shall be pursued for any sectarian or party political purpose. The Society shall be registered with the Civic Trust.

## 3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all persons and organised groups interested in the aims of the Society and willing to abide by the Constitution. Each Individual shall be entitled to one vote and each Organised Group shall be entitled to a maximum of two votes.

## 4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members shall pay an annual subscription.

The Executive Committee shall make recommendations for changes to subscription rates at a General Meeting, to be approved by a simple majority vote of those present.

## 5. MEETINGS

An Annual General Meeting shall be held once in each calendar year at a time and place to be fixed by the Executive committee provided that the interval between meetings shall not exceed 15 months. The Annual General Meeting shall receive the Executive Committee's Report, the Treasurer's Report, and accounts, which shall be subject to an appropriate form of external scrutiny according to the Charity Commission regulations. The Meeting shall also elect Officers and Members of the Executive Committee.

Special General Meetings of the Society shall be held at the request of 20 or more members who shall submit the proposals to be considered in writing to the Honorary Secretary. The Executive Committee may also call a Special General Meeting.

Notice of these meetings shall be sent to all members of the Society. 21 days notice shall be given of an Annual General Meeting and 14 days notice shall be given of a Special General Meeting.

20 members personally present in addition to members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum of a General Meeting of the Society.

## 6. OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

The Executive shall consist of the Officers and Members (not more than 18 strong). The election of Officers shall be completed prior to the election of further Committee Members. The Officers of the Society shall consist of -

Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Hon. Secretary  
Hon. Treasurer  
Hon. Membership Secretary



All Officers and Members of the Executive Committee shall relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. His Worship the Mayor of Ealing may be invited to become Patron of the Society during his term of office. A President and Vice Presidents may also be elected at a General Meeting of the Society, for periods to be decided at such meeting. The President or a Vice President (if any) may be asked to preside at the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall have power to co-opt further persons (who shall attend in an advisory and non-voting capacity). The President and Vice Presidents (if any) may attend meetings of the Executive Committee but may not vote at such meetings.

Nominations for election to the Executive Committee shall be made by members of the Society at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. They must be in writing, supported by a seconder (also a member of the Society), and the consent of the nominee must first have been obtained. If the nominations exceed the number of vacancies, a ballot shall take place.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for running the affairs of the Society and organising its events and may take decisions on its behalf. A quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee shall consist of 8 members including at least one Officer.

## **7. SUB-COMMITTEES**

The Society and the Executive Committee may delegate any of their powers to such committees or sub-committees as they may from time to time decide to form. Each sub-committee shall have on it at least one Executive Committee Member.

## **8. APPEALS**

The Executive Committee shall have power to make appeals and solicit donations and canvas monies for carrying out the objects of the Society.

## **9. EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION**

The Executive Committee shall out of the monies received by the Society pay all proper expenses of administration and management of the Society and shall use the residue of such monies as it thinks fit for or towards the objects of the Society.

## **10. INVESTMENT**

All monies at any time belonging to the society and not required for immediate application for its objects shall be invested by the Executive Committee upon such investments, securities or property as it may think fit, but so that monies subject or representing property subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners or of the Ministry of Education and Science shall only be invested in such securities as may for the time being be prescribed by law.

## **11. BORROWING**

The Executive Committee may borrow for the objects of the Society such monies at such rate of interest and in such manner as it may think fit.

## **12. AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that 14 days' notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members, and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment permitting the expenditure of funds of the Society on any object which is not a charitable object.

## **13. WINDING UP**

In the event of the winding up of the Society the available funds of the society shall be transferred to such one or more charitable bodies having objects similar or reasonably similar to those herein before declared as may be chosen by the Executive Committee and approved by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.