



The Dulwich Society

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1. NAME

The name of the Society is 'The Dulwich Society' (hereinafter called 'the Society').

2. OBJECTS

The aims and objects of the Society are:

- (a) to maintain and foster the amenities of Dulwich in the interests of its residents and the wider community of which Dulwich is a part;
- (b) to maintain and improve open spaces and encourage the proper public use thereof;
- (c) to safeguard the trees, gardens, verges, wildlife and other natural endowments;
- (d) to preserve and protect buildings of distinction and promote and encourage a good standard of design and appearance in buildings and streets;
- (e) to increase knowledge and appreciation of the amenities, social activities and history of Dulwich and foster a sense of community among all residents;
- (f) to stimulate public interest and obtain support for the Society's objects by means of meetings, exhibitions, lectures, study groups, publication and co-operation with like-minded individuals and bodies;
- (g) to ensure that the Society's objects are appreciated and taken account of by public authorities and other bodies and individuals concerned with the development of Dulwich;
- (h) to do all such things as may, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, be incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the above objects.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to residents of Dulwich and to other persons who are in agreement with the aims and objects of the Society and to any partnership,

company or unincorporated association in agreement with the aims and objects of the Society. Every application for membership shall be made in writing signed by the person desiring membership (or in the case of a partnership, company or unincorporated association by its proper officer) and shall be subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS¹

(a) Unless otherwise determined by the members at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, an individual or household shall pay an annual subscription of £10.00. The subscription shall be paid when a person/household, becomes a member and thereafter shall become due and payable on the first day of January in every year. Any member joining the Society in the last three calendar months of the year and paying the subscription, shall not be required to pay another subscription until the first day of the January of the next but one year.

(b) If any Member shall be three months or more in arrears with his subscription (ie on April 1st of the year that membership is due) he shall cease to be a member on the day after the next Executive Committee Meeting.

5. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Society shall be the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer. In addition not more than two Honorary Assistant Secretaries and two Honorary Assistant Treasurers may be elected. The Officers and the Honorary Assistant Secretaries and Honorary Assistant Treasurers shall be elected by Members at an Annual General Meeting and the Executive Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

6. HONORARY OFFICERS

A President and not more than ten² Vice-Presidents of the Society shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting of the Society and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election.

¹ Amended 25/4/2016 - see Appendix A for details

² Amended 23/5/2011 - see Appendix A for details.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Management of the Society shall be vested in an Executive Committee which shall consist of the Officers and ten other members who shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Society. The Officers and the Members of the Executive Committee of the Society shall hold office from the Annual General Meeting at which they were appointed until the next Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election. The Executive Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy on the Executive Committee until the next Annual General Meeting.

8. SUB-COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee may in its discretion appoint for such period as it may think fit such sub-committees as it may consider necessary for the efficient running of the Society's business and appoint such persons thereto as it may think fit. At least one member of the Executive Committee shall serve on each sub-committee. Each committee may elect its own Chairman.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No Officer or member of the Executive Committee shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Society unless a nomination for the election endorsed in writing by the candidate has been submitted in writing to the Executive Committee by two members not less than fourteen days before such meeting. The Executive Committee shall have power to nominate members for election to the Executive Committee. Any contested election for Officers or other members shall be determined by ballot. Scrutineers shall be appointed by the Chairman with the approval of the Meeting.

10. FINANCE

To assist in the attainment of the objects of the Society the Executive Committee shall have power to make appeals for funds and donations and to carry out activities for the purpose of raising funds. The Accounts shall be kept by the Honorary Treasurer and shall be audited once a year to 31st December and presented to the next ensuing Annual General Meeting. All monies belonging to the said Society shall be kept in an account at a Bank to be decided by the Executive Committee and the said bank account shall be operated in such manner as the Executive Committee shall decide. Any monies not required for immediate application may be invested in such manner as the Executive Committee decide. The income and property of the Society shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to the Members of the Society except to reimburse proper out of pocket expenses.

11. QUORUM

Five Members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum for a Committee Meeting. Two Members of a sub-committee shall form a quorum for a Sub-Committee Meeting and fifteen Members of the Society shall form a quorum for the purpose of an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

12. REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS

The Executive Committee shall have power from time to time to make such by-laws as it shall deem necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the Society and the furtherance of its objects.

13. MEETINGS

- (1) An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held between the 1st day of January and the 31st day of May in each year and a Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Executive Committee. One fifth of the Members of the Society for the time being or thirty members whichever is the less may at any time make a written requisition for a Special General Meeting stating the purpose for which the Meeting is to be held and a Meeting shall be convened within 28 days after such requisition shall have been sent to the Secretary.
- (2) Not less than twenty one clear days' notice shall be given of an Annual or Special General Meeting by the Secretary to the Members of the Society. Accidental omission to send to any Member a notice of any Meeting shall not invalidate the proceedings of such Meeting and the nature of any business to be transacted shall be specified on the notice convening the Meeting.
- (3) Except for contested elections for officers or other Members of the Executive Committee all Resolutions at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting or a Meeting of the Executive Committee or of any Sub-Committee shall be determined on a show of hands and in the event of an equality of votes the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- (4) Meetings of the Executive Committee or any Sub-Committee may be held on four days' notice or on one clear day's notice if any of the Officers shall determine that the matter to be discussed is urgent. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the Secretary and Meetings of Sub-Committees shall be called by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee respectively and if the Secretary shall fail to call a Meeting of the Executive Committee when one is requested by three members of the Executive Committee then such three Members may be entitled to call the Meeting.

- (5) The President of the Society or in his absence the Chairman or failing him the Vice-Chairman shall be the Chairman of an Annual or Special General Meeting and if none of them is present at such a Meeting within five minutes from the time it is called to commence, the Members present and entitled to vote shall choose any other Officer or Member of the Executive Committee present to be Chairman of the Meeting or if none of them shall be present the Members may elect any one of the Members of the Society present to be Chairman of the Meeting,

14. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be altered by resolution carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the Members present and entitled to vote at an Annual or Special General Meeting and due notice of the proposed amendments shall be given in the Notice convening the Meeting.

15. WINDING UP.

At any General Meeting the Members shall have the power by a resolution carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the Members present and entitled to vote to wind-up the Society and to decide the disposal of any surplus funds or assets which may be devoted to the aims and objects of the Society or in any charitable purpose relating to Dulwich.

APPENDIX A - CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

1. (AGM 11/5/2004 for implementation on 1st Jan 2005) Rule 4a: Amend sentence 1 to read “Unless otherwise determined by the members at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, individual members shall pay an annual subscription of £10.00 and a partnership, company or unincorporated association shall pay an annual subscription of £12.00” **[Now superseded by amendment 3 below]**

2. (AGM 23/5/2011 with immediate effect). Rule 6: Amend line 1 to read “A President and not more than **ten** Vice-Presidents of the Society shall be elected)

3. (AGM 25/4/2016 with immediate effect) Rule 4: Deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following revised Rule 4:

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