

Ashby Art Club

Constitution

Objective

To encourage the appreciation and practice of art.

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The constitution may be amended only at a General Meeting or an AGM by vote of a simple majority

Membership

Membership shall be open to all from the age of 16 on payment of the appropriate subscription. Guests may be invited by a member, on the understanding that they pay any charge made for demonstrations, workshops or other events deemed as chargeable by the committee.

Life membership may be awarded at the discretion of the committee if deemed appropriate.

Subscriptions

The annual subscription shall be determined at the AGM or at a General Meeting and shall be due on the 1st meeting of September in each year. Subscriptions for members joining later than September may be varied at the discretion of the committee

Management

The management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee which shall consist of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and not less than 2 other members.

No person shall hold the post of Chairman for longer than three consecutive years. A person who has served a three year term as Chairman shall not be eligible for re-election as Chairman for a minimum of one year.

An Honorary President may also be elected in recognition of past service to the Club. The Honorary President shall not be required to pay a membership fee. The Committee shall have power to co-opt additional Committee members or set up subcommittees.

Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting shall be held in September or October each year at no less than 7 days' notice. At the Annual General Meeting the business will include the election of officers for the ensuing year, the examination of the balance sheet for the previous year and reports by the Secretary and Treasurer. At any General Meeting a total of not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the membership shall form a quorum.

Other General Meetings

A Special General Meeting may be called at any time at the discretion of the Committee or at the request of a minimum of $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of the members. No less than 7 days' notice shall be given prior to any such General Meeting.

Committee Meetings

The Chairman shall call formal Committee meetings as and when necessary.

At any Committee Meeting 3 or more committee members shall form a quorum.

Finances

Financial transactions on the Club bank account shall require the signatures of any two of the Treasurer, Secretary or Chairman. The annual accounts statement (balance sheet) shall be audited by an ordinary member before being presented at the AGM.

Assets

A list shall be maintained of the assets of the club. The list shall include the keeper of the assets, their location, whether such assets are insured or not and any other information which may be needed. The keeper of any assets shall report the state of assets prior to the AGM so that the treasurer may report any changes or deficiencies.

Responsibility for the assets of the Club shall be delegated by the Committee. Keepers of the assets shall take all reasonable steps to maintain the integrity of the assets. Losses or breakages shall be reported to the treasurer as soon as possible. Disposal of any assets shall be by agreement of the committee.

Version History (added 19/06/2023)

- Prior versions not on file.
- 11/10/2003: Ashby Art Club constitution111003.doc
- 07/2022: [July 2022 Certification](#)

As office bearers of the Ashby Art Club, the undersigned hereby certify that this is the current Constitution for the club as agreed at the October 2011 AGM.

Chairman: Douglas Hague Membership Secretary: Yve Hill Treasurer: Philip Hatter

- 02/10/2023: AGM approved: Membership: amended "from the age of 15" to "from the age of 16", to resolve potential safeguarding issues; Management: removed "The Honorary President shall have a permanent seat on the committee"; this has not been active for at least 10 years. Annual General Meeting: amended "held in October" to "held in September or October" to allow leeway to hold earlier.