

Chester Film Society Constitution

1. Name

The Society shall be known as Chester Film Society, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

2. Objects

The objects of the Society shall be:

1. To encourage interest in film as an art form and as a medium of information and education by means of exhibition of films of an artistic, scientific, educational, or cultural character.
2. To promote the study and appreciation of films by means of lecture discussion and exhibitions.
3. In order to further objects 1 and 2 above and with regard to object 4 below to assist, encourage or to collaborate in film orientated activities with other societies, organisations and institutions.
4. The Society shall be non-political and non-profit-making (Non-political means that the Society shall not espouse the cause of any political party.)

3. Membership

1. Membership of the Society is open to anyone over the age of 16 on payment of the Annual Subscription fee and at the discretion of the Committee.
2. Membership of the Society shall entitle the holder to attendance at all film shows (subject to venue capacity) and other meetings.
3. The amount of the Annual Subscription shall be determined from time to time by the Committee.
4. The Committee may, at its discretion, confer Honorary Life Membership to any person in recognition of their service and contribution to the Society.

4. Management

1. The business of the Society shall be managed by a Committee, consisting of a Chair, a Treasurer and an Secretary and such other executive officers as may from time to time be appointed together with not less than three members.
2. The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until their successors are appointed at the Annual General Meeting next following their appointments. Any vacancies during the course of the year shall be filled by appointment of the committee, who shall also have power to co-opt members.
3. A large part of the Committee's work will be undertaken using email or letters. The Committee shall meet not less than three times per year.
4. The quorum for Committee meetings shall be three.
5. The Society shall hold a General Meeting at least once a year. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee or upon a request in writing being made to the Secretary and signed by at least three-quarters of the Full Members of the Society.

6. The date of any General Meeting shall be publicly displayed in print or electronic form in such a manner as it is reasonably accessible by all Members of the Society no less than two weeks before the agreed date of such General Meeting.
7. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be ten members or ten per cent of the total number of Members, whichever is the larger.
8. The Society shall not be run for the private profit of a Member or Members. Any financial balance at the end of the year shall be carried over and devoted to furthering the objects of the Society.
9. No Members or Committee Members shall receive payment directly or indirectly for their services or for anything other than legitimate expenses incurred in work for the Society.
10. The Society shall not be wound up except by a resolution of three-quarters of those present at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose by the Committee. In the event of a winding up of the Society, any remaining funds of the Society shall not be distributed among the members of the Society but shall be devoted to objects similar to those of the Society. Such organisations shall be chosen by the Committee in consultation with the British Federation of Film Societies or a like organisation

5. Alteration of Rules

No alteration of rules shall be made except by a resolution of two-thirds of those present at a General or Special General Meeting of the Society. No amendment shall be made which would cause the Society to cease to be a not-for-profit organisation.