



LYMM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY CONSTITUTION January 2018



1 The Name of the Society

Lymm Photographic Society (hereafter referred to as the Society)

2 Objectives

- 2.1 To promote the development of photography within the local community in a friendly amateur environment by providing regular opportunities for like-minded people, of all abilities, to meet and share information and experiences, thereby increasing their knowledge and understanding of all aspects of photography.
- 2.2 To raise funds and administer a bank account in the name of the Society.

3. Membership

- 3.1 Membership is open to Persons of all ages wishing to assist in the objectives of the Society
- 3.2 The Membership shall consist of an elected committee and an unlimited number of members consistent with the health and safety limits of the premises used for the meetings. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult
- 3.3 The committee reserves the right to withdraw Society membership should a member's actions or behaviour bring the name of the Society into disrepute.
- 3.4 On application to the Secretary, Members are entitled to use photographic and other equipment belonging to the Society. (see 7.4)
- 3.5 Membership and visitor fees are made available on the Society's usual communication channels e.g. the web site, email and announcements at meetings.

4. The Committee

- 4.1 This will consist of the following persons:
President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and up to 7 Committee Members, (additional Members maybe co-opted if deemed necessary)
- 4.2 To ensure the continuity of the Committee the officer is requested to be elected for a minimum of two years. Elections to take place at the AGM
- 4.3 The Committee is responsible for the implementation of the Society's activities e.g. the annual programme, fund raising, outings, activities etc.
- 4.4 Committee meetings will be called at the discretion of the Committee with a target of at least 3 per year. The quorum of the Committee shall be 50% of its members, to include at least one elected officer. The Secretary will record the minutes of the meeting. The President will have the casting vote on any matters arising.

5. Members Meetings

The Society will normally hold ten monthly meetings and additional meetings can be held at the discretion of the Committee.

6. The Annual General Meeting.

6.1 This will be held in January. Members will be given at least 2 weeks notice of the date via the Society's usual communications channels. The meeting will receive reports on finance and activities and shall elect the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and other committee members as deemed necessary. Items for inclusion on the agenda will be submitted to the Secretary 21 days prior to the AGM

6.2 The annual membership fee shall be proposed by the Treasurer and agreed by a vote of all Club members present.

6.3 Changes to the Constitution may be made at the AGM and also at an Emergency General Meeting (EGM) called for that purpose. Any proposed changes are normally submitted to the Secretary, in writing/email 21 days prior to the AGM/EGM.

7. Finance and Resources.

7.1 The Society maintains a current account at a branch of a bank local to Lymm in the name of "Lymm Photographic Society". Account signatories will be the Treasurer, Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, two of whom must sign each cheque.

7.2 Audited annual accounts will be presented at the AGM.

7.3 Members have the right to inspect the Society's finances.

7.4 The Society may, at the discretion of at least one Society Officer, lend Society –owned equipment to a member for a limited duration and only in connection with Society business. If the equipment is lost or damaged during the duration of the loan the borrower will be responsible for repairing or replacing the article borrowed with one of a similar specification within a time period mandated by a Society officer.

8. Title to Property

Any monies and properties acquired by the Society shall be the property of the whole Society.

9. Dissolution.

If the Members present and voting at a meeting called for the purpose of dissolution, decide by 51% of the current full membership to dissolve the Society, all assets remaining after the satisfaction of any debts shall be donated to like-minded groups.

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Amendment History

- *Jan 2018 – clause 7.2 amended from "Audited annual accounts will be presented at the AGM" to "Independently verified annual accounts will be presented at the AGM." change approved at the AGM on the 25th January 2018*
- *Oct 2011 – first issue following the founding of the Society*