

THE LUNAR SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

1. The SOCIETY shall be called **The Lunar Society**.

RULES

2. These are the Rules of the Society. No new Rules may be made or existing Rules amended or rescinded except by the Society in General Meeting, when two-thirds of those present and voting must be in agreement.

OBJECTS

3. The objects of the Society are:
 - a) to bring together persons of the West Midlands who contribute innovative and practical ideas to shape the economy, culture and environment
 - b) to be a non-party-political forum of high repute
 - c) to provide a programme of lectures, seminars, papers and meetings
 - d) to publish the proceedings and papers of the Society
 - e) to carry out such other activities as may contribute to the objects of the Society.

MANAGEMENT

4. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by an Executive Committee which shall consist of the Honorary Officers and 6 other members of the Society. A quorum shall be 4 persons. The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt up to three additional members, to serve until the following Annual General Meeting. Co-opted members are then eligible to be co-opted for a further term.

OFFICERS

5. The Honorary Officers shall be:
 - a) Chairman
 - b) Two Vice-Chairmen
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Treasurer
 - e) Membership Secretary

MEMBERS

6. Candidates for membership shall be proposed and seconded by members of the Society. Election to membership shall rest with the Executive Committee. Once elected a member shall remain as a member provided he or she continues to pay subscriptions.
7. The Executive Committee shall be entitled to terminate a member's subscription or to refuse to accept the renewal of a member's subscription if, after due consideration including giving the member the chance to be heard, the Committee considers that the individual's continued membership is likely to inhibit or restrain the Society in pursuing the objectives set out above or if the Committee considers that the individual's continued membership is substantially contrary to the overall good of the Society.

ELECTIONS

8. The Society shall elect its officers as follows:
 - a) Any vacancies for Honorary Officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Society shall be subject to election. Members shall be entitled to vote either by postal vote in advance or in person at the Annual General Meeting.
 - b) The Secretary shall give all members 42 days notice of the date, time and place of the Annual General Meeting of the Society. The notice shall include details of all vacancies for officers and members of the Executive Committee and shall invite nominations for the said posts, with such nominations to be received by the Secretary within the following 14 days;

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- c) All nominations to any officer post and for the Executive Committee shall be nominated and seconded by a member. Members shall be entitled to nominate more than one person to any position;
- d) Not less than 21 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting the Secretary shall send out ballot papers to all members containing the names of all members who have been so nominated;

VACANCIES

- 9. Any casual vacancy occurring among the Honorary Officers or other members of the Executive Committee may be filled by the Executive Committee for the unexpired term.

SUB-COMMITTEES

- 10. The Executive Committee may from time to time appoint sub-committees for such purposes and with such powers as it thinks fit.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 11. An Annual General Meeting of the members of the Society shall be held in June or July of each year. The following provisions refer to the AGM:
 - a) A Report from the Executive Committee shall be presented to the Society together with audited Accounts and recommendations for any change in the Constitution or in annual subscriptions;
 - b) Notice of such meetings shall be not less than 42 days. Notices including ballot papers may be sent by email to those members who have an email address and have not requested notice by post. Such members shall be entitled to respond including submission of completed ballot papers by return from the same email address;
 - c) Any two members of the Society may also nominate any member of the Society for election to the Executive Committee or to any office provided that such nominations be sent in writing to the Secretary not less than 28 days before the Annual General Meeting. Any member of the Society may request the Society to include an item on the Agenda for the AGM and the item shall be included provided that notice of such a request is sent in writing to the Secretary not less than 28 days before the Annual General Meeting. Save as aforesaid the agenda for the meeting shall be decided by the Executive Committee;
 - d) The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be thirty members;
 - e) The Annual General Meeting shall appoint an Auditor who shall audit the accounts of the Society and report to the next AGM.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

- 12. The Honorary Secretary, on direction of the Executive Committee, or on the request of at least ten members of the Society, shall convene a Meeting of the Society, notice of which shall be not less than 21 days, such notice to specify the business to be transacted. Unless the Chairman shall decide otherwise, no other business shall be transacted at such meeting.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 13. The annual subscription for each member of the Society shall be payable on election and at intervals of 12 months thereafter. Membership will be terminated automatically for any member whose subscription is one year in arrears. Any such member may be reinstated by the Executive Committee on such terms as it thinks fit.

WINDING-UP

- 14. The Society shall be dissolved if a resolution to dissolve the Society is carried by a majority vote at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society. In the event of the Society being dissolved, any assets should be donated to any organisation which, in the opinion of the membership at a General Meeting, has aims similar to the Lunar Society.