

BROCKLEY



SOCIETY

Registered charity no 1004245

CONSTITUTION OF THE BROCKLEY SOCIETY

NAME

The name of the Society shall be the Brockley Society.

OBJECTS

The Society is established for the public benefit for the following purposes in the area of the London Borough of Lewisham, which area shall hereinafter be referred to as "the area of benefit".

- (i) To stimulate public interest in the area of benefit.
- (ii) To promote high standards of planning and architecture in the area of benefit.
- (iii) To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit.

In furtherance of the said purposes but not otherwise the Society through its General Purpose Committee shall have the following powers:-

1. To promote research into subjects directly connected with the objectives of the Society and to publish the results of any such research.
2. To act as a co-ordinating body and to co-operate with the local authority, planning committees, sanitary, drainage and all other local and statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, charities and persons having aims similar to those of the Society.
3. To promote or assist in promoting activities of a charitable nature throughout the area of benefit.
4. To publish papers, reports and other literature.
5. To make surveys and prepare maps and plans and collect information in relation to any place, erection or building of beauty or historic interest within the area of benefit.

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6. To hold meetings, lectures and exhibitions.
7. To educate public opinion and to give advice and information.
8. To raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation and otherwise; provided that the Society shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its primary purpose.
9. To take and accept any gifts of property, whether subject to any special trusts or not.
10. To sell, let mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or funds of the Society as shall be necessary.
11. To borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Society on such terms and on such security as the General Purpose Committee shall think fit, but so that the liability of individual members of the Society shall in no case extend beyond the amount of their respective annual contributions.
12. To do all such other things as are necessary for the attainment of the said purposes.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all who are interested in actively furthering the purposes of the Society. All adult members shall have the right to vote at meetings of the Society.

FINANCE

The main financing of the Society shall be through the collection and sale of waste paper for recycling. In the event of the loss of income from the sale of waste paper, the General Purpose Committee may reconsider other ways of raising funds.

MEETINGS

An annual General Meeting shall be held in or about October of each year to receive the General Purpose Committee's report and audited accounts and to elect Officers and Members of the General Purpose Committee. The General Purpose Committee shall decide when ordinary meetings of the Society shall be held and shall give at least 7 days notice of such meetings to all members.

Special General Meetings of the Society shall be held at the written request of members representing not less than 50 members of the Society. Ten members personally present shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Society.

OFFICERS

Nominations for the election of Officers shall be made at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations shall be supported by a seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. The elections of Officers shall be completed prior to the election of further Committee members. Nominees for election as Officers or Committee members shall declare at the Annual General Meeting at which their election is to be considered any financial or professional interest known or likely to be of concern to the Society.

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The Officers of the Society shall consist of:-

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Honorary Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

All of whom shall relinquish their Office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. A President and Vice-Presidents may also be elected at a General Meeting of the Society, for periods to be decided at such a meeting. The General Purpose Committee shall have the power to fill casual vacancies occurring among the Officers of the Society.

THE GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE ROAD REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE)

The Road Representatives Committee shall be responsible for the management of the Society. The Road Representatives Committee shall consist of the Officers and not less than 10 additional road representatives. The Committee shall have power to co-opt further members (who shall attend in an advisory and non-voting capacity). The Officers and members of the Committee shall normally be resident or work in the area of benefit but the Committee shall have power to co-opt additional members from the outside the area of benefit. The President and Vice-President may attend any meeting of the Committee but shall not vote at any such meeting. In the event of an equality in the votes cast, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

Nominations for election to the Committee shall be amend in writing at least 7 days before the Annual General Meeting. They must be supported by a seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. If the nominations exceed the number of vacancies, a ballot shall take place in such a manner as shall be determined. Members of the Road Representatives Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, outgoing members may be re-elected. The Road

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Representatives Committee shall meet not less than six times a year at intervals of not more than two months and the Honorary Secretary shall give all members not less than 7 days notice of each meeting. The quorum shall be 10 members of the Road Representatives Committee.

WORKING GROUPS

The Road Representatives Committee may constitute such working groups from time to time as shall be considered necessary for such purposes as shall be thought fit. The actions and proceedings of each working group shall be reported to and be confirmed by the Road Representatives Committee as soon as possible. Members of the Road Representatives Committee may be members of any working group and membership of a working group shall be no bar to appointment to membership of the Road Representatives Committee. Working groups shall be subordinate to and may be regulated or dissolved by the Road Representatives Committee.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

It shall be the duty of every Officer or member of a committee or working group who is in any way directly or indirectly interested financially or personally in any item discussed at any Committee or group meeting at which he or she is present to declare such interest and he/she shall not vote thereon.

EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

The Road Representatives Committee shall, out of the funds of the Society, pay all proper expenses of administration and management of the Society. After the payment of the administration and management expenses and the setting aside to reserve of such sums as may be deemed expedient;

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the remaining funds of the Society shall be applied by the Road Representatives Committee in furtherance of the purposes of the Society.

INVESTMENT

All monies at any time belonging to the Society and not required for immediate application for its purposes shall be invested by the Road Representatives Committee in or upon such investments securities or property as it may think fit, subject nevertheless to such authority, approval or consent whether by the Charity Commissioners or the Secretary of State for Education and Science as may for the time being be required by law or by the special trusts affecting any property in the hands of the Road Representatives Committee.

TRUSTEES

Any freehold and leasehold property acquired by the Society shall and if the Road Representatives Committee so directs any other property belonging to the Society may be vested in trustees who shall deal with such property as the Road Representatives Committee may from time to time direct. Any trustees shall be at least three in number or a trust corporation.

The power of appointment of new trustees shall be vested in the Road Representatives Committee. A trustee need not be a member of the Society but no person can be appointed except by the Road Representatives Committee.

The Honorary Secretary shall from time to time notify the trustees in writing of any amendment hereto and the trustees shall not be bound by any such amendments in their duties as trustees unless such notice has been given. The Society shall be bound to indemnify the trustees in their duties (including the proper charge of a trustee being a trust corporation) and liability under such indemnity shall be a proper administrative expense.

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Society, provided that 28 days notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members, and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment the effect of which would be to cause the Society at any time to cease to be a charity in law.

NOTICES

Any notice required to be given by these Rules shall be deemed to be duly given if left at or sent by prepaid post addressed to the address of that member last notified to the Secretary.

WINDING UP

The Society may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority of members voting at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Society confirmed by a simple majority of members voting at a further Special General Meeting held not less than 14 days after the previous meeting. If a motion for the dissolution of the Society is to be proposed at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting this motion shall be referred to specifically when notice of the Meeting is given. In the event of the dissolution of the Society the available funds of the Society shall be transferred to such one or more charitable institutions having objects similar or reasonably similar to those herein before declared as shall be chosen by the Road Representatives Committee and approved by the Meeting of the Society at which the decision to dissolve the Society is confirmed. On dissolution the minute books and other records of the Society shall be deposited with the Civic Trust.