

THE HASLEMERE SOCIETY

Reg charity no 255287

The Haslemere Preservation Society was successor to the Commons Committee 1884, and the Commons and Footpath Preservation Society 1902, when it was established in 1935. It merged in 1979 with the Haslemere Environment Group to form The Haslemere Society.

CONSTITUTION

The object of the Society is to organise concerted action for the improvement, protection and preservation of rural scenery or features of local interest in the town and villages within the Haslemere area.

For this purpose the Society provides:

- a. co-operation with local regional and national Government Authorities, local societies, land and property owners and other persons concerned;
- b. informed comment and constructive proposals on significant planning and environmental matters to the relevant authorities and to the public;
- c. advice and information on matters affecting the preservation of amenities;
- d. encouragement and participation in schemes for the enhancement of the town and its amenities.

RULES

1. MEMBERSHIP

An annual subscription and payment for Life Membership shall be set by the General Committee and be approved by members at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held each autumn. Not less than fourteen days notice of the Meeting and the business to be transacted thereat shall be given. Fifteen members shall form a quorum. The Meeting shall receive a report upon the Society's activities and a statement of accounts, duly audited or independently examined for the past year ended 30th June, elect a President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Auditor or independent Examiner and a General Committee for the ensuing year and may elect a Vice President. The Meeting shall transact any other business of which notice in writing has been given to the Honorary Secretary at least twenty one days before the Meeting. (see rule 7)

3. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

A Special General Meeting may be convened by the General Committee or upon a requisition in writing by Fifteen members of the Society received by the Honorary secretary at least twenty one days before the proposed date of the Meeting. Such requisition must state the purpose for which the meeting is to be held and this is the only business that may be discussed or transacted thereat. Not less than fourteen days notice of the meeting and the business to be transacted thereat shall be given. Fifteen members shall form a quorum.

4. GENERAL COMMITTEE

The General Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Officer and not more than eight and not fewer than six other members elected at the AGM. A Vice Chairman shall be elected from these other members at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year. Nominations to the General Committee, of which at least seven days notice must be given to the Secretary, may be submitted by any member. The agreement of the nominee must be obtained before such nomination is submitted. The General Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members at their discretion, Five members shall form a quorum. The General Committee shall meet not fewer than five times a year. At every meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read and submitted for confirmation. The Chairman shall have a casting vote.

5. TERM OF OFFICE

The Chairman shall serve on the General Committee for a term of not more than six years. Each year at the AGM one Committee member shall resign. A period of at least one year must elapse before the same individual can be nominated for re-election.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and one member of the General Committee, shall form an Executive, empowered to deal with urgent problems. At every meeting three members shall form a quorum. Minutes of each meeting of the Executive shall be submitted to the next meeting of the General Committee for approval.

7. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION AND / OR RULES

The Constitution and / or Rules may be rescinded, supplemented or altered at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Society if notice of such proposed alteration has been received in writing by the Secretary not less than twenty one days before the Meeting, signed by not fewer than fifteen ten members of the Society. A majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting is necessary for any change in the Rules or Constitution.

8. Any question of interpretation of the Rules shall be resolved by the General Committee.

9. LIQUIDATION

In the event of the Society ceasing to operate, all archive material should pass to the Haslemere Educational Museum and other assets be divided between other charitable institutions as determined by the remaining membership after all outstanding liabilities have been settled.

Dated 11th April 2003