

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 obtain tickets for each film screening at a discount rate to be determined between the Society and the Venue Host.
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 administration and governance of the Society shall be managed by a Committee, consisting of 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. The Committee shall meet not less than three times per year.
4. The quorum for Committee meetings shall a majority of the elected Committee Members.
5. The Committee shall appoint other volunteers as necessary to support the aims of the Society. This includes film programming, support for the Film Festival or any other ad hoc tasks such as meet and greet at films.
6. 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 Committee and signed by at least three-quarters of the Full Members of the Society.
7. The date of any General Meeting shall be publicly announced in such a manner as is reasonably accessible by all Members of the Society no less than two weeks before the agreed date of such General Meeting.
8. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be ten members or ten per cent of the total number of Members, whichever is the larger.

9. The Society shall be a voluntarily-run, not-for-profit organisation. Any financial balance at the end of the year shall be carried over and devoted to furthering the objects of the Society.
10. 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.
11. 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 (t/a Cinema for All) 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.