

1. The Society shall be known as the Chorley Photographic Society. The Society shall be affiliated to the Lancashire & Cheshire Photographic Union [LCPU] and is a registered charity [No 701819].
2. The object of the Society is to advance the education of the public in the theory and practice of photography as an art.
3. Membership shall be open to the public with membership consisting of grades as shown in clause 6. The Committee shall have the right for good and sufficient reason to reject any application for membership.
4. The Society shall be administered by a Committee. This shall consist of –
 - President [who is a Trustee]
 - Vice President
 - Past President [who may take another elected post]
 - Secretary [who is a Trustee]
 - Treasurer [who is a Trustee]
 - Internal Competition Secretary
 - External Competition Secretary
 - Members Secretary
 - Syllabus Secretary
 - **Five** Ordinary members

The President shall serve for 2 years with all other members to serve 1 year. All may seek re-election at the AGM.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt other members as it sees fit. Such co-opted members will only serve a period up to the next AGM.

There shall be no limit on the number of times a member may seek re-election.

The Society shall appoint a club delegate to the L&CPU as a co-opted member, if not already holding another elected post on the Committee.

No person under the age of 18 years should hold office on the Committee.

For Committee meetings a Quorum shall consist of more than half the current Committee members.

5. The annual subscription shall be fixed for the following year at the AGM. The membership year runs from 1st September to 31st August the following calendar year.
6. The membership subscriptions shall consist of -
 - Full membership
 - Senior citizen concession membership [65+ years]
 - Junior/Student membership [up to the age of 18 years]
 - Life Membership [conferred only by the Committee]
7. Visitors intending to join are welcome to attend a maximum of 3 meetings, after which membership shall be taken up at the appropriate subscription.
8. The Annual General Meeting [AGM] shall be held during the second annual quarter of the year.
9. A Special General Meeting [SGM] may be convened by the President, or at the request of any ordinary member on a requisition signed by at least 20 per cent of the current membership.

- 10.** The financial year of the Society shall run from 1 April to 31 March. At the close of the financial year a balance sheet shall be drawn up by the Treasurer and independently checked. This shall then be presented to members at the AGM.
- 11.** Notification of any proposed amendments or additions to the Society's Constitution must be made in writing to the Secretary a minimum of 21 days before the AGM subject to the following –
- a)** Such proposed amendments or additions must be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at the AGM.
 - b)** No amendment will be made which would result in the Society ceasing to be established for exclusively charitable purposes according to the Law of England & Wales.
 - c)** No amendment shall be made to Clause 2, this clause or clause 12 of this Constitution without prior approval of the Charities Commission.
- 12.** The Society may only be dissolved at any time by a resolution passed by a three-quarters majority of eligible members present and voting at an AGM or at a Special General meeting called for that purpose.

If, upon the dissolution of the Society there remains after the settling of all liabilities any property whatsoever, this shall not be paid to or distributed amongst members of the Society but shall be given or transferred to such charity or charities established for similar purposes as the Committee shall decide.

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