

Clay Cross Photographic Society

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the society shall be CLAY CROSS PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.
2. Membership of the Society shall be persons mainly, but not exclusively, residing in the Clay Cross area of Derbyshire who have paid the subscription determined by the Society in General Meeting.
3. The objective of the Society is to increase knowledge in the art and science of photography. It may do this by any means but particularly by arranging regular meetings, competitions, conferences, demonstrations, lectures, exhibitions and such other means as may be appropriate. It may also join area and national bodies with similar aims.
4. Ultimate control of the Society shall be by members meeting in a General Meeting of which one at least shall be held in each calendar year (the Annual General Meeting) in either the months of April or May. Other General Meetings (Extraordinary General Meetings) may be called at the request of either the committee or at least ten members. In all cases of General Meetings at least 14 days notice shall be given to all members and 30% of paid up members shall form a quorum.
5. Ordinary business of the Society shall be conducted by a Committee, which shall consist of the following officers elected by simple majority vote of members at the Annual General Meeting. Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Programme Secretary, Competition Secretary, Webmaster and Exhibition Chairman. Ordinary Committee members shall also be elected by simple majority vote to form a total Committee equal to 30% of the Society's membership. The Committee shall meet as required by the needs of the Society but not less than four times in each year. The Chairman of each meeting shall have a second or casting vote. The Committee may fill any vacancy among the officers and may co-opt not more than three extra members to the Committee. Sub committees may be appointed to carry out specific tasks for the Society.
6. The year of the Society shall be the year between Annual General Meetings and the appointment of Officers and Committee shall be for that year. For convenience, the financial year shall be the year to March 31st. Subscriptions for valid membership shall be due on September 1st each year and membership shall run to September 30th of the following year.
7. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to a) make the elections as required by clause 5. above, b) receive reports from the officers on the state of the Society's affairs both photographic and financial, c) elect an auditor, d) fix the subscriptions for the upcoming subscription year, e) amend the constitution if required and f) conduct any other relevant business.
8. The Committee shall have the power to discipline (which could include expulsion) any member deemed to have brought the Society into disrepute.
9. Only a General Meeting of members may change this constitution, which supersedes any other in its name or of Clay Cross & Biwater Photographic Society or Clay Cross & Clay Cross Company Photographic Society or any predecessor. In the event of a motion being carried to wind up the Society the assets of the club and any sub committee shall be divided equally between persons who have been members for the two immediate past years.

Dated 12th May 2003

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