

Leicester & Leicestershire Photographic Society

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The society shall be called the
LEICESTER & LEICESTERSHIRE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

AIMS

The advancement and encouragement of the art and science of photography through lectures, demonstrations, competitions, exhibitions and other relevant activities.

MEETINGS

Meetings shall start promptly at 7.30pm. The annual programme agreed by the President and Committee shall be provided online on the Society website in a printable document. Additionally, members shall be provided with an A6 printed booklet setting out the season's programme.

MEMBERSHIP

The committee has the right to refuse or terminate membership.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are renewable at the first meeting each season. Rates for individuals, joint membership of a couple, full-time students and accompanied juniors (under 18s) shall be approved annually at the AGM and become operative from 1st October next.

Persons accepted for new membership shall pay the normal rate of subscription to the Treasurer.

New Members joining on or after 1st January shall pay half the full rate. New members joining after Easter shall pay the full rate which will entitle them to all the privileges until renewal becomes due after 1st September the following calendar year.

VISITORS

Visitors may be introduced to a meeting free of charge twice within any season in addition to their attendance at any open meeting (which includes the President's Guest Lecturer Meeting). Special interest groups may wish to charge a share of the evening's costs (materials, etc).

FUNDING FOR SPECIALISED GROUPS

Specialised groups are expected to fund their own activities by regular supplementary subscriptions or shares in the expenses incurred, paid to the Group Representative.

Requests may be made to the Committee for their approval of grants from the Society's funds for the purchase of substantial equipment.

Equipment bought at the Society's expense shall be kept in good order, recorded in the Society

Equipment Catalogue, and made available for use outside Group activities by other L&LPS members.

Non-members may be admitted to group activities after the normal approval procedure has been carried out. Their subscriptions shall remain part of the Group Funds, and it shall not entitle such members of Groups to participation in any other activities (except in the same way as any other visitor allowed under the Society rules).

MANAGEMENT

Business shall be managed by a Committee consisting of:

President	President Elect
Past Presidents	Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer	Competition Secretary
Programme Secretary	Exhibition Secretary
Publicity Secretary	A Maximum of Three Other Members

The Committee shall have power to fill vacant offices. The Committee shall have power to co-opt up to two Members to serve during the current season, and then be eligible for election, or for co-option for a further season.

PRESIDENT

(S)he shall be appointed to office following service as President Elect and shall remain in the chair for a period not exceeding two seasons.

PAST PRESIDENTS

They shall remain ex-officio members of the Committee for two seasons from the AGM at which they vacate the chair. They shall immediately become eligible for election to any other office after proper nomination.

Past Presidents absenting themselves from three consecutive Committee Meetings without reasonable cause shall no longer be eligible to attend those meetings.

PRESIDENT ELECT

(S)he shall be appointed by a sub-committee on the understanding that (s)he accepts the office of President when the post becomes vacant. The sub-committee shall consist of the President, the immediate past President, the President Elect and the Secretary.

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

The sub-committee may also confer the honour of Vice-President upon any Member who is deemed to have rendered exceptional service to the Society. Vice-Presidents may attend Committee Meetings if they wish but (unless entitled as the holder of another office) shall have no vote.

MAXIMUM OF THREE OTHER MEMBERS

They shall be elected at AGM to serve for three seasons.

COMMITTEE QUORUM

At least six Members of the Committee shall form a quorum empowered to make decisions at Meeting.

SECRETARY

The Honorary Secretary shall, in particular, record minutes and issue notices of Committee Meetings, the AGM and Special General Meetings, and present a report at the AGM.

The President may call Committee Meetings at any time. Members must be informed of the business to be considered at CMs and SGMs at least two weeks in advance.

TREASURER

The Honorary Treasurer shall keep a record of all income and expenditure and shall present an audited account (made up to 31st March) at the following AGM.

AUDITOR

An Honorary Auditor shall be elected at the AGM.

DEFAULT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members whose subscriptions remain unpaid on 30th October shall have their attention drawn thereto by the Treasurer.

The Committee shall have power to remove from the Membership List names in default one month from the date of notice.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

At a written request stating their business, signed by ten members, the Secretary shall issue a notice (giving details of the submission) at least fourteen days in advance of the Special Meeting called by the President to deal with that business (and no other) at a regular and convenient General Meeting at which the matter would be discussed.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Society shall be held as soon as practicable after closing the year's accounts (31st March) but no later than 30th June. Results of voting will be by a simple majority with at least 25% of members required to be in attendance to form a quorum.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Nominations for Officers or Committee Members must be received by the Secretary at least seven days before the AGM.

MODIFICATION OF RULES

No alteration shall be made to these rules except after fourteen days' notice to all Members, and approval at the AGM or a Special Meeting held during a designated General Meeting.

MERGER OR DISBANDMENT

In the event that it is necessary to merge or disband the Society at any time, then all monies from bank accounts, and that raised from the sale of assets etc., shall be: -

A – Merger: Used in conjunction with other interested parties' money to form a new joint organisation.

B – Disbandment: All monies shall be donated to a suitable charity, nominated by the members present at the concluding Annual or Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

CONTINGENCIES

The Committee shall have full power to deal with any contingency not provided for in these rules, and the duty to report the results to all Members as soon as possible after the event.

The Society is affiliated to the
Photographic Alliance of Great
Britain through the Midlands
Counties Photographic Federation.



*Any amendments to 'The CONSTITUTION' will be posted in an updated PDF on our website
www.landlps.org.uk*