



## CHELTENHAM FILM SOCIETY

# CONSTITUTION

### 1. NAME

The Society shall be known as the Cheltenham Film Society, referred to here as The Society.

### 2. OBJECTS

The Object of The Society is to advance the education of the public in the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the arts, particularly the art of film and allied visual techniques. In furtherance of the foregoing object but not further or otherwise The Society shall have the power to promote the study and appreciation of films by means of lectures, discussions and exhibitions.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership of The Society is open to anyone over the age of sixteen on payment of the current fee and at the discretion of the Committee.
- b. Membership of The Society shall entitle the holder to attendance at all film showings and other meetings.
- c. Only Members and their guests shall be admitted to film exhibitions. A Member may purchase 4 tickets for the admission of guests subject to the discretion of the Committee. Only Members may buy guest tickets and they must be ordered in advance.

### 4. MANAGEMENT

- a. The Society shall be run by a Committee of at least 5 Members and no more than 10. The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold office until their successors are elected at the next AGM.
- b. 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 written request being made to the Committee signed by at least 5 members.
- c. The quorum for General Meetings shall be 15 Members and for Committee Meetings shall be 4 Committee Members.
- d. The Society shall be non-political (ie it shall not espouse the cause of any political party).
- e. The Society shall not be run for the private profit of a Member or Members. Any balance at the end of the year shall be carried over and devoted to the Objects of The Society.
- f. 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. Committee Members receive a 50% discount on their annual membership.

- g. The Society shall not be wound up except by a resolution of three-quarters of those present at a Special Meeting called for that purpose. In the event of a winding up the remaining funds of The Society shall not be distributed among Members but be passed to a charitable organisation or organisations with objects similar to those of The Society. Such organisation(s) shall be chosen by the Committee in consultation with the British Federation of Film Societies.

5. ALTERATION OF RULES

No alteration of rules shall be made except by a resolution of two-thirds of those present at a General Meeting. No amendment shall be made to the Objects clause (Clause 2) the dissolution clause (Clause 4g) or this clause (Clause 5).

This Constitution was agreed at the AGM held at Dean Close School on 8 October 1996.