

REVISED 2023 CONSTITUTION OF THE BECCLES SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

1. **TITLE** – The organisation shall be known as ‘The Beccles Society of Artists’.
2. **OBJECTS** – To bring together those who are interested in art and to stage exhibitions.
3. **MEMBERSHIP** – Membership is open to anyone with a passion for art.
 - Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult
4. **LIFE MEMBERS** – The Society may from time to time appoint a limited number of ‘Life Members’ in recognition of services to it. Such appointments shall be confined to members of the Society.
5. **OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT** -
 1. The Society shall be managed by an Executive Committee, consisting of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer, Minutes Secretary, Programme Secretary and four others; with the power to co-opt for a specified reason. Four shall form a quorum.
 2. The Officers and Committee Members shall hold office for two years and be eligible for re-election at the AGM.
 3. In the event of Committee Members not completing the term for which elected a bye- election shall be held to elect a member to complete the remainder of the term.
6. **FINANCE** -
 1. The financial year shall be from 1st October – 30th September.
 2. The amount of the annual subscription shall be determined at the AGM and shall become due after that meeting, payable by first meeting in January
 3. An independent examiner will be appointed at the AGM to examine the annual accounts.
7. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – The AGM shall be held in November.
 1. To receive the audited accounts of the Society, the reports of the Chairperson and Honorary Treasurer.
 2. To elect the Officers and Members of the Executive Committee.
 3. The quorum will be fifteen percent of the membership whose subscriptions have been paid.
8. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES** – Any proposed amendment to the Constitution and rules must be submitted in writing to the Chairperson not less than two weeks before the AGM. A two-thirds majority of members present at the AGM shall be required for the approval of the amendment.
9. **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** – The Chairperson is empowered to call an Extraordinary General Meeting for emergencies.
10. **EXHIBITION RULES** – The Committee shall mount such exhibitions as the General Meeting of the Society requires and prepare such Rules and Conditions of Entry for any such exhibition as shall be thought appropriate.