

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association is called The Friends of Carnegie Library.
2. Our purposes are:
 - 2.1. To revitalise the Carnegie Library in Herne Hill Road and raise its profile within Lambeth, the Southwark catchment area and beyond.
 - 2.2. To lead a vigorous campaign to prevent closure and to ensure its continued use as a free public library for the community.
 - 2.3. To liaise with Friends of Lambeth Libraries and other library friends groups working to save and promote local libraries.
3. Membership is open to all.
 - 3.1. The committee reserves the right to withdraw membership from any member whose conduct brings the Association into disrepute.
4. An Annual General Meeting shall be held in March each year
 - 4.1. At least 2 weeks' notice shall be given of an Annual General Meeting.
 - 4.2. A quorum for a General Meeting would be a reasonable percentage to be decided by the committee and specified in the announcement of the next Annual General Meeting.
5. Rates of annual subscription for membership may be revised from time to time at the Annual General Meeting.
6. These officers shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting:
Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer.
7. A committee of the Friends of Carnegie Library comprises the officers plus up to 8 other members elected at the Annual General Meeting plus up to 2 later co-options.
8. The quorum for the committee is 6 including 2 officers.
9. The committee will take the strategic lead, coordinating the most effective use of resources, and taking decisions as appropriate to further the aims of the Association.
 - 9.1. Individual members are welcome to attend committee meetings as observers by prior agreement.
 - 9.2. Expenditure must be agreed by the full committee. In exceptional circumstances at least 2 officers together will have discretion to approve spending for endorsement by the committee at its next meeting.
10. An auditor shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
11. Our financial year ends on the last day of December.
12. Audited accounts for the past year shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
13. This constitution may be amended by a motion passed at a General Meeting by 2/3 majority.
 - 13.1. Proposals for amendments, other proposals and Committee nominations should be submitted 14 days before the Annual General Meeting where possible.
14. Dissolution would be by a motion notified 14 days in advance and passed at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting by 2/3 majority.
 - 14.1. Should the Friends of Carnegie Library cease to exist, any residual funds shall be passed on to a friends group or society with similar aims, as nominated by the committee and agreed at a general meeting.

[Signed: Angela Meehan, first Chairman]

A S Corlill Chair

17 March 1999

17 March 2011

NOTE: THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION ADOPTED ON 17 MARCH 1999, AS AMENDED BY DELETION OF THE ORIGINAL CLAUSE 7 AND RENUMBERING THE SUBSEQUENT CLAUSES AT THE AGM ON 17 MARCH 2011.