



## Constitution of Chiltern Film Society – Proposed for amendment at the AGM to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### 1. Name

The Society shall be known as the Chiltern Film **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/**screenings**.

### 3. Membership

- (a) Membership of the Society is open to anyone of the age of **eighteen** or above on payment of the current fee and at the discretion of the Committee.
- (b) Membership of the Society shall entitle the Member to attendance at all **Society screenings** and other meetings.
- (c) Members shall be admitted to **Society screenings** free of charge on production of evidence of their membership. When **Society screenings** are held at commercial venues, members of the public may also be admitted as normal clients of the venue. Otherwise, guests of Members may only be admitted to Society events subject to the discretion of the Committee.

### 4. Management

- (a) The Society shall be run by an **elected** Committee of at least **6** Members and no more than **12**. **The Committee shall have the authority to co-opt additional members if its activities in support of the Society necessitate additional resources. The members of the Committee shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting (AGM) subject to no election being required for a Committee member part way through their elected term. When elected each committee member shall hold office for a term of three years provided that they are able to resign from office at any time. On expiry of their elected**

term, committee members may seek re-election without limit as to the number of times they seek re-election.

- (b) Prior to each AGM and as needed thereafter, the Committee shall select from its number individuals to undertake the roles of Chair, Treasurer and Membership Secretary. The Committee shall present to the AGM its selected individuals who will undertake these roles for the forthcoming year. Following the AGM the new Committee may also allocate further named roles to individual members of the Committee to enable its effective operation.
- (c) The Society shall hold a General Meeting at least once a year, the Annual General Meeting (AGM). 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 10 members.
- (d) The quorum for General Meetings shall be a minimum of 10 Members or 10 percent of the then current membership of the Society (whichever is greater). The quorum for Committee Meetings shall be 4.
- (e) The Society shall be non political (i.e it shall not espouse the cause of any political party).
- (f) The Society shall not be run for the private profit of ~~Committee Members or Members~~. Any balance at the end of the year shall be carried over and devoted to the Objects of the Society.
- (g) No ~~Members, or Committee Members~~, shall receive payment directly or indirectly for anything other than legitimate expenses incurred in work for the Society ~~except for substantial professional services activities specifically approved by the Committee~~.
- (h) The Society shall not be wound up except by a resolution of three quarters of those present at a Special General Meeting called for the 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 "not for profit" organisation 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 this Constitution shall be made except by 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 4h) or this clause (Clause 5).~~ No amendment shall be made which would cause the Society to cease to be a not for profit organisation.