

THE H. G. WELLS SOCIETY

Dedicated to promoting and encouraging an active interest in and appreciation of the life, work and thought of H.G. Wells.

153 Kenilworth Crescent, Enfield, Middlesex EN1 3RG



Constitution

1. Name:

The H. G. Wells Society.

2. Objects:

The Society exists on a not-for-profit basis, with all funds devoted to these objects of the Society for the promotion and encouragement of an active interest in and appreciation of the life, work and thought of Herbert George Wells.

3. Membership:

Applications are welcomed from all those who are in sympathy with the objects of the Society. A copy of the Constitution will be shown on our website and will be given, upon request, to those who join the Society. Membership of the Society shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee. There shall be an Annual Subscription for membership payable in advance. Categories of membership including concessionary status shall be agreed on from time to time by the Executive Committee and subscription rates for membership in all categories shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting and then displayed on our website.

Each member is entitled to the annual copy of the *Wellsian* and copies of the Newsletter and to any concessions that may be available for Society events.

4. Annual General Meeting (AGM):

There shall be an Annual General Meeting held in June for the general democratic governance of the Society.

Reasonable notice shall be given of the AGM to all members including an agenda for the business to be transacted. Copies of the minutes of the previous AGM, an Annual Report and the year's accounts will be made available in advance of the meeting.

5. Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM):

An EGM shall be called by the Executive Committee when considered necessary or at the request of not less than ten members of the Society. Due and reasonable notice should be given of such a meeting to all members.

6. Presidents and Vice Presidents:

There shall be agreed and elected from time to time at the AGM a President and Vice Presidents of the Society. The status of these posts is honorary. They shall be entitled to a seat on the Executive Committee.

7. Executive Committee:

Subject to the decision of the Society in an AGM the Executive Committee shall be the governing body of the Society in all day to day operations. The general management and assets of the Society shall be vested in the Committee which shall apply those assets in furtherance of the objects of the Society.

It shall be elected at the AGM from the body of fully paid up members and shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, Editor of the *Wellsian*, Editor of the Newsletter and other officers, and accompanied by not more than three other members. The Treasurer shall be elected either from the paid up members or as an agent. Additional specific roles can be given to individual members and working sub committees decided on. It shall have the power to co-opt no more than two additional members during the course of a year. Four shall be a quorum. The number of meetings per year should not be fewer than three.

The Executive Committee may suspend any member whose conduct is deemed to be detrimental to the interests of the Society or whose subscription is in arrears in excess of one year.

The Executive Committee shall recommend to the AGM names for the Chairperson and Secretary for the ensuing year.

8. Voting Rights:

Each paid up member has a voting right if present at an AGM. Voting will be subject to a properly worded proposition proposed and seconded by separate members and will be decided by a simple majority. The Chairperson will have the casting vote in the event of a tie. Voting in Committee will be subject to the same conventions. Corporate members are entitled to one vote per organisation.

9. Honoraria:

Members of the Committee shall not receive payment for their services but are entitled to reimbursement of all reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out their duties but normally excluding travel expenses.

However, honoraria for the roles of Treasurer and Secretary may be agreed from time to time subject to a proposition and vote at an AGM.

10. Newsletter and *Wellsians*:

The Society shall publish a Newsletter at least twice a year and an academic journal known as the *Wellsian* annually.

11. Accounts:

Annual accounts will be made up to 31st March each year. Copies of these accounts will be made available at the AGM and at the committee meeting after the end of the Financial Year but prior to the AGM. There is no legal requirement for the accounts to be audited. However, if ten or more members wish them to be audited they should contact the Chairperson to request same.

Any change to the Society's banker shall be subject to a vote at an AGM.

12. Changes to the Constitution:

Any changes to the Constitution will be subject to a vote at an AGM after due notice of changes is given to all members.

13. Last Review and Approval:

May, 2020.

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President: Dr John Hammond

Vice-Presidents:

Brian Aldiss, O.B.E., Dr Stephen Baxter, Dr Sylvia Hardy, Professor David Lodge,
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