

THE WANSTEAD SOCIETY
Constitution, September 2012 (agreed at 2012 AGM)

1 Name

The name of the Society shall be **The Wanstead Society**.

2. Aims and Objects

The aim of the Society shall be to foster and actively promote the appearance, atmosphere and amenities of Wanstead. It shall be non-political. It shall be a focus for community concerns. As of 2012 the Wanstead Society is classified as a Small Charity.

3. Membership shall be open to any person who shares the aims and objects of the Society. The Executive Committee reserve the right to refuse membership of the Society, or revoke it at any time, subject to a vote of the Executive Committee. Members of the Society must not seek to use their membership of it to pursue any personal gain or benefit. Any such activity may lead to their membership being revoked and possible legal action taken.

4. Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions, the amount of which shall from time to time be fixed by the Executive Committee, shall be payable to the Honorary Treasurer. Any member whose subscription has not been paid for one year will be removed from the register.

5. The Officers

The officers of the Society shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Membership Secretary. Each Officer shall hold office for three years from the date of election at the Annual General Meeting unless removed from office by a resolution of the Society passed at a general meeting, or that Officer decides to resign. At the termination of three years each Officer may seek re-election, stand down or take on another Officer post at the AGM.

Committee Members are required to declare whether or not they have an interest in any matter that arises on the agenda, or should arise in the course of discussions at Committee meetings. That member must leave the meeting for the duration of the discussion of that item.

6. The Executive Committee

The affairs of the Society shall be managed by an Executive Committee which shall consist of the Officers of the Society and not more than ten and less than five other members, whose appointments shall be by election at the AGM. Further members may be co-opted at the discretion of the Committee. The quorum at the meeting shall be five, of whom one must be an Officer and one an elected member. The Executive Committee reserves the right to remove any other Executive Committee member without notice, subject to a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

7. Sub-committees

The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees, and to determine their powers and terms of reference.

8. The Annual General Meeting

This meeting shall be held in September of each year, at which only fully paid-up members of the Society may vote.

The meeting shall receive:

The Chairman's Annual Report

The Hon. Secretary's Report

The Hon. Treasurer's Report

At the AGM the election of Officers and Executive Committee for the ensuing year shall take place.

Consideration shall be given to any other business of which notice has been given in writing. Nominations and Notices of Motion for the AGM must reach the Hon. Secretary not less than 14 days before the meeting. They must be in writing; bear the name of the Proposer and Seconder; and in the case of nominations must include a statement that the person so nominated is willing to stand for election.

9. Amendments to the Constitution

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting called by the Executive Committee. Any proposal for amendment must be delivered in writing to the Secretary of the Society not less than 14 days before the meeting. Members of the Society shall be informed of this proposed amendment.

10. Finance

The Hon Treasurer shall keep proper financial records, shall report regularly to the Committee, and shall be responsible for the preparation annually of the Society's income and expenditure accounts for the preceding financial year, a balance sheet showing the assets and liabilities at the end of that year, and for their submission to the Society's honorary auditor. The Hon. Treasurer or an Officer shall sign all cheques drawn on this account for under £50. Two Officers shall sign any cheque in excess of £50.

11. Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Society, confirmed by a majority of those present and voting at a Special Meeting of the Society, any funds should be transferred to a charitable organisation. The decision of this transfer shall be at the sole discretion of the Officers and Committee members at the date of dissolution.

12. Notice

The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting or the non-receipt of a notice of meeting by any member shall not invalidate any proceedings or resolutions at any meeting of the Society or any Committee.