

Amended Constitution accepted at the AGM held on 18 November 1959

1. Name: the name of the Society shall be AVERY HILL GARDENS SOCIETY

2. Objects: The objects of the Society shall be:-

2.1 To promote the interests of allotment holders and gardeners and to encourage good cultivation of allotments and gardens by obtaining specialist advice for members when required and by providing good quality fertilisers, tools etc, at reasonable prices.

2.2 To co-operate with any committee set up by the Government, local authority and other bodies to further the interests of allotment holders, gardeners and horticulture generally.

2.3 To arrange for instruction in horticulture; also horticultural visits, lectures, discussions, exhibitions and competitions, and to distribute literature.

2.4 The Society shall be non-political and non-sectarian.

3. Membership: The Society shall reserve the right to withhold membership.

4. Entrance Fees and Subscriptions: Every member shall pay an annual subscription of 2s6d (except that in the case of an old age pensioner without subsidiary paid employment the annual subscription shall be 1/-) or such sum as may be determined by a general meeting. Subscriptions shall be payable in advance.

5. Arrears: A member who is three months in arrear with his subscriptions shall be held to have ceased to be a member, unless there are special extenuating circumstances.

6. Officers: The Officers shall be a President, Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Purchasing Secretary, Show Secretary, Editor and Auditors, who shall (with the exception of the auditors) be ex-officio members of the Committee.

7. Committee: The affairs of the Society shall be conducted by a Committee of Management of not less than six members. The Committee and other officers shall retire at the annual meeting but shall be eligible for re-election. A quorum at Committee meetings shall be not less than five members. Vacancies shall be filled by the Committee. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt and the members so appointed shall hold office until the next annual meeting following.

8. Annual General Meeting: The annual general meeting at which the audited accounts and the Secretary's report shall be submitted, and the officers for the ensuing year elected, and other general meetings, shall be held at such times as the Committee or a general meeting shall determine. Ten members shall form a quorum and in case of equal voting the Chairman shall have a casting vote. Special general meetings shall be called on the requisition of at least twenty members, submitted in writing.

9. Funds: There shall be maintained a banking account in the name of the Society with such bank as the Committee may select, in which monies belonging to the Society shall be held, except such monies required for petty cash and other disbursements as may be approved by the Committee from time to time. Cheques shall be signed by any two signatures of either the Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary.

10. Audit: There shall be appointed two auditors, who are not members of the Committee, to audit the accounts and submit their report to the annual general meeting.

11. Offences: the Committee may terminate the membership of a member whose conduct is proved to their satisfaction to be detrimental to the interests of his fellow members. Any charge against a member must be communicated in writing. Any appeal from a decision of the Committee may be made at a special general meeting.

12. Conversion, Dissolution etc: The Society may be converted into a registered society or may be dissolved, or these rules may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those present at a special general meeting of which fourteen days' notice shall be given. The objects for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice convening the meeting.