

The British Harpsichord Society – Constitution

1. Name: The British Harpsichord Society
2. Objects: The British Harpsichord Society promotes awareness, enjoyment, study, playing and ownership of harpsichords and related plucked keyboard instruments in Britain. Our aim is to create more public awareness and encourage more people to enjoy and play the harpsichord.
3. Membership: Anyone with an interest or occupation related to the harpsichord is welcome: amateur or professional, music lover, performer, teacher, builder or collector. (The list is inclusive not exclusive.) The focus is on Britain, but overseas members are welcomed.
4. Membership of the Society is free. The website incurs running costs which are offset by income from the Wanted/For Sale section and from charitable donations. There are no other finances of the Society.
5. The Committee: Chairman, Membership Secretary, Diary Secretary, Events Co-ordinator, Website Manager, Treasurer, Ordinary Committee Members .
6. Candidates for election to the committee must be members of the Society, and each candidate must be nominated and seconded by a member of the Society.
7. The Committee shall meet as required by circumstances. For a motion to be passed or a decision of general importance to be made a quorum of three is needed.
8. Committee members are elected tri-annually. They may be removed from office before the completion of their term of office only by committee members at an Extraordinary General Meeting. A quorum of three is needed. New committee members may be co-opted for specific skills.
9. The Annual General Meeting and General Meetings: There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the Society. A notice shall be posted on the Society's website or otherwise publicised to the members not less than three weeks before the meeting giving the date and time of the meeting and the fact that elections to the Committee will take place thereat.
10. The meeting shall be open to all members of the Society, all of whom are entitled to vote on line.
11. At the meeting the committee will report on the Society's activities for the year, and the election of new Committee members may take place.
12. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society may be called by the Committee or by at least fifty members of the Society presenting a signed petition to the Committee. Three weeks notice as provided for in the case of an Annual General Meeting shall be given. AOB is not permitted
13. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society may be called following the procedure set out above for General Meetings.
14. Amendments: This constitution may be amended by a vote of a majority at an Extraordinary General Meeting or an Annual General Meeting. Notices of such

amendments must be given to the Committee before the time set for such a General Meeting.

15. This constitution is binding as and from 8th September 2009, the date of being approved by the committee of the Society.