



OBJECTS

The objects are set out in the constitution.

For reference they are:

- (1) To promote the preservation, conservation and restoration of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal and its working boats;
- (2) To advance the education of the public in the canal's heritage and environment; and environment.
- (3) To promote for the benefit of the general public the provision of facilities welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances or the public at large in the interest of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life.

CONSTITUTION

The Society adopted a new constitution at a special general meeting held on 9 March 2013. The constitution is the main document governing the operation of the Leeds & Liverpool Society and is based on the model constitution of the Charities Commission.

A copy of the constitution is available from the Secretary.

Clause 32 of the constitution says:

"The Trustees may from time to time make rules or bye-laws for the conduct of their business."

"The Charity in general meeting has the power to alter, add to or repeal the rules or bye-laws."

"The trustees must adopt such means as they think sufficient to bring the rules and bye-laws to the notice of members of the charity."

"The rules or bye-laws shall be binding on all members of the Charity. No rule or bye-law shall be inconsistent with, or shall affect or repeal anything contained in, this constitution."

The rules of the Society are set out below.

RULES

1. A copy of these Rules must be supplied to Members.

2. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

- I. The Chairman will not normally remain in office for more than three consecutive years.
- II. The Trustees of the Society may appoint a Vice Chair with recommendations from the Chair. The Vice Chair will be a Trustee and is encouraged to stand for election as chair at the end of the chair's nominal three year period.
- III. The Trustees of the Society may appoint a President who is not a Trustee and is able to attend the Trustees meetings without voting rights.
- IV. The Trustees of the Society may appoint a Membership Secretary. The Membership Secretary has to be a trustee.
- V. Use of Sub Committees
 - a. The Trustees may appoint such Sub Committees in line with the constitution.
 - b. The Chairman of the Society will be an ex-officio Member of all Sub Committees.

3. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- I. The Trustees may decide, in the name of the Society, to open such current and deposit accounts with clearing banks in the United Kingdom for the holding of the monies and they may authorise the Treasurer to open the bank accounts.
- II. Cheques shall require the signature of any two of four signatories nominated by the Committee.
- III. The Treasurer will define and maintain a set of procedures to control cash receipts and payments. The procedures will be reviewed by the Trustees on an annual basis.
- IV. The Trustees will be appoint a Hon. Auditor. The Hon. Auditor shall not be eligible to be appointed as a Trustee.



4. MEMBERSHIP

- I. Membership records are held and operated by the Membership Secretary.
- II. All applications for Membership shall be made in writing to the Membership Secretary.
- III. Subscription payments
 - a. The subscription year is the same as the Society's financial year. (1 November to 31 October).
 - b. Subscriptions from new members paid within the last three months of the financial year are payment for the following subscription year and all others cases are required to be renewed at the end of the current subscription year.
 - c. Renewal subscriptions are due at the start of the Society's financial year.
 - d. If the subscription paid is less than the subscription for that year, then the payment will be treated as a donation and membership will terminate after 6 months, in line with the constitution.
- IV. Types of Membership
 - a. *Individual members* - entitled to one voting right.
 - b. *Joint Membership* - entitled to one voting right and consists of an individual and a named partner over the age of 18, living at the same address.
 - c. *Family Membership* - entitled to one voting right per family and consists of an individual and a named partner, including their children up to the age of 18 all living at the same address.
 - d. *Youth Membership* – has no voting rights and is individuals up to the age of 18 who have approval from a parent or guardian.
 - e. *Organisations and Schools* – entitled to one voting right.
 - f. *Honorary Membership* – has no voting rights and is granted by the Trustees for life as they may deem appropriate.
- V. Membership subscriptions are reviewed annually by the trustees and are as follows -

a. Individual	£10
b. Individual Life Membership	£100
c. Family	£20
d. Youth	£5
e. Joint	£15
f. Joint Life Membership:	£150
g. Organisations & Schools	£30

5. KENNET

- I. A group called Friends of Kennet has been formed by the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society. It is a group of individuals and organisations which promotes and supports the operations of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society's heritage boat, Kennet.
- II. The operation of the Friends of Kennet is in line with the constitution of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society and is led by at least one Trustee.
- III. Any committee formed by the Friends of Kennet has to be operated as a Sub Committee of the Society (Rules 2. VI & VII).
- IV. Individuals and organisations become part of the Friends of Kennet by making a recorded donation of money and/or time to supporting Kennet.
- V. Individuals and organisations may be affiliated to the Friends of Kennet by invite as appropriate to promote Kennet.
- VI. An individual or organisation who is not a member (specified in Rule 4. IV) of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society has no voting right in the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society and is not able to travel on Kennet.
- VII. The number Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society members able to travel on Kennet at any one time, is relative to insurance and risk assessments.
- VIII. The designated Captain of Kennet has full jurisdiction over all members of the Society travelling on and with Kennet.