

The Constitution of the Oxford Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers

Title: The Group will be called the Oxford Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers

Aims: To promote and maintain the skills associated with weaving, spinning and dyeing. To further the study of these crafts in all practicable ways and to assist others by the sharing of knowledge and experience.

Management: The management of the group will be vested in the committee.

Committee: The committee will consist of the officers: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and as many members as are deemed necessary for the efficient running of the group. The quorum at committee members will be at least three members or one third of the number, whichever is greater.

The Chair will have the casting vote and the Chair, in consultation with one other officer, will be empowered to act on behalf of the committee should the need arise.

Officers: The officers may not hold any one office for more than 3 consecutive years, except in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the members. They may stand to be elected as ordinary committee members after this period, provided that they do not serve on the committee in any capacity for more than 6 consecutive years. They will be eligible to stand again after a break of at least one year.

Committee members: No member of the committee may serve for more than 6 consecutive years. They will be eligible to stand again after a break of at least one year.

Constitution: The committee will be the authority for the interpretation of, and decisions relating to this constitution after consultation with the group.

Alterations to the constitution: These must be approved by two thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.

Membership: Those interested in any, or all, of the three crafts of weaving, spinning and dyeing will be eligible to join. Members may attend all meetings, vote and enjoy full facilities of the Guild.

Subscription: Members will pay an annual subscription agreed at the beginning of each financial year. The subscription will be due on January 1st annually, the financial year being March 1st to February 28th. Members joining after the October meeting will pay half the annual subscription.

Guild meetings: These will be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, except in August when there will be no meeting. All members will be notified of the provisional programme in writing. Visitors will pay an entrance fee with the expectation that after attending as a visitor twice they will make the decision whether or not to join the group.

Annual General Meeting: This will be held annually at the March meeting.

At this meeting a report on the activities during the past year and a statement of accounts will be presented.

If required, officers and committee members will be elected and general business transacted. Nominations for officers and committee members must be seconded and have the consent of the nominee.

Finance: Expenses incurred by members in carrying out the work of the group may be refunded at the discretion of the committee.

Banking: All sums collected or donated to the group will be paid into a bank account in the name of the group.

Dissolution: The group may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of those present.

Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any Group assets remaining after the satisfaction of any debts and liabilities. Such assets will be transferred to a charitable institution of members' choice.

Use of Group Name: No member may use the name of the group for the benefit of his/her own trade or activity without the written consent of the committee.