

CONSTITUTION OF CREATIVE FIBRES

1. The name of the Society shall be Creative Fibres

2. **Aims**

The Society has been formed with the aim of providing a forum for the exchange of ideas among members on all aspects of textile design and production and of promoting public interest in these matters.

In furtherance of these aims:

- i. it is hoped that members will help and teach each Other and will encourage one another in their work;
- ii. the Society will also organise workshops seminars and lectures to enable members to experiment with new techniques and perfect existing ones;
- iii. as well as providing an exchange of ideas the Society will endeavour to help members;
- iv. the Society will provide venues for exhibitions and sale of members' work, time and place for these to be decided by the committee;
- v. the Society will publish a newsletter, at least twice a year, to which all members will be encouraged to contribute;
- vi. the Society will affiliate to the Association of Guilds of Weavers Spinners and Dyers as the East Surrey Guild.

3. **Membership**

- i. a Member of the Society shall be any person interested in aspects of textile production, historic and modern, costume and fashion;
- ii. a person shall become a Member of the Society on payment of a Membership Fee (if required) and thereafter payment of an annual subscription. Annual subscriptions shall be fixed by the Committee and payable per calendar year in advance;
- iii. no Member whose subscription is in arrear for two months or more shall be entitled to receive notice of, or attend or take part in a meeting of the Society, nor to vote at any meeting or on any ballot;
- iv. the Committee will publish a full list of Members' names and addresses which will be circulated to all members (and to members only). It is the duty of any Member who does NOT wish their name and/or address to be included in the list to inform the Secretary of that fact.

4. **Officers and Management**

- i. the day-to-day organisation of the Society shall be in the hands of a Committee, consisting of the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Events Organiser, and not more than four other elected or co-opted members;

- ii. the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Events Organiser, (the Officers) shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve the following terms:
- iii. the Chairman shall hold office until the end of the Annual General Meeting two years after he or she was elected;
- iv. the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Events Organiser shall hold office until the close of the third Annual General Meeting after their election;
- v. a further four Committee Members shall be elected to serve for a term of three years;
- vi. Officers and Committee Members are eligible for re-election for a second term of office at the expiration of which they are not eligible for re-election for at least one year;
- vii. where necessary to fill vacancies during the year the Committee may co-opt further Members to the Committee where they should serve until the end of the Annual General Meeting next after they have been co-opted;
- viii. the Committee shall elect among themselves such other officers as they consider necessary for the efficient running of the Society's business;
- ix. where necessary the Committee may co-opt Members to a sub-committee set up for a specific purpose, eg organising an exhibition. These co-opted members would serve only as long as that sub-committee was in being;
- x. the Committee shall not have the power to spend the Society's money on any activity unconnected with the aims of the Society except with the express permission of a majority vote at an Annual General Meeting, a Special General Meeting, or Postal Ballot;
- xi. in the event of dissatisfaction with the running of the Society, Members have the power to call a Special General Meeting. For this, a notice stating the purpose for which the meeting is required, and signed by one quarter of the current membership must be sent to the Chairman who must then call a Meeting within two months.
This Special General Meeting will have the power to remove the existing Committee or any member thereof, following discussion of any proposals put to the Meeting, and a secret ballot or show of hands (as decided at the Special General Meeting). If a postal ballot of all members is required this should be carried out in accordance with any guidelines as laid down by the Electoral Reform Society.
Any vote at a Special General Meeting, or a postal ballot, shall be invalid unless 45% of the then current membership votes.

5. Annual General Meeting

- i. the Annual General Meeting of the Society shall take place not later than the end of April in each year. The Meeting shall take place at a date and time fixed by the Committee;
- ii. such Meeting shall: review the Accounts of the past year, elect Officers and Committee Members to fill any vacancies, and consider such business or resolutions as the Committee or any Member may put before it;

- iii. nominations to fill vacancies on the Committee or among the Officers shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary not less than two weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting or shall be made in person at the Annual General Meeting;
- iv. a quorum shall consist of one third of the then current membership or ten members whichever is the less.

6. **Winding Up**

- i. in the event of the funds of the Society falling below £50, according to the balance sheet, the Chairman shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society to decide the future of the Society;
- ii. if it is then decided to wind up the Society, and there remains any property after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, it shall be transferred to the Association of Guilds of Weavers Spinners and Dyers.

Dated 10th March 1993

Amended 9th March 1994

Amended 9th March 1999:

“East Surrey” substituted for “Dorking” in ***Aims*** paragraph 2 (vi).