BATH GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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THE CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE
The Society shall be known as “The Bath Geological Society”.

2. AIMS
The aims of the Society shall be to foster an interest in all aspects of Geology.

3. MEMBERSHIP
Membership of the Society shall be open to all persons who have an interest in Geology and who pay the appropriate subscription. The Committee shall have the right to suspend or terminate the membership of any person if they so decide.
Members of the Society including temporary members must accept and abide by the Society’s Safety Information for Field Meetings. Fieldtrips are for members only, but temporary membership is available.

4. OFFICERS
The Officers of the Society shall be the Chairman of the Society, the Administrative Secretary, Programme Secretary and the Treasurer. They shall be appointed annually by the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman shall hold Office for three years and shall not be eligible for re-election until one year has elapsed. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall hold office for a period not exceeding seven years and shall not be eligible for re-election until one year has elapsed.
If at the end of a period of eligibility an office falls vacant due to no nomination being received, the outgoing officer may continue to serve until a successor is appointed, or until the next Annual General Meeting, whichever is the sooner.

5. COMMITTEE
The Committee shall comprise:
(a) The Chairman of the Society (who shall also be the Chairman of the Committee), the Administrative Secretary, Programme Secretary and the Treasurer;
(b) A Membership Secretary elected by the Annual General Meeting
(c) Five ordinary members, elected by the Annual general Meeting who may serve a maximum of four years in any one continuous term in this capacity
(d) Up to three members of the Society co-opted by the elected committee for specified purposes

The Committee shall be convened by the Secretary to conduct such business as is required. A quorum shall consist of four members of the Committee.

6. CASUAL VACANCIES
The Committee may appoint any member to any casual vacancy among the Officers of the Society or the Members of the Committee, and such appointments shall be effective until the next Annual General Meeting.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS
The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year in January or as near thereto as possible and shall include the consideration of Officers’ reports, elections of Officers and Committee, and such other business as the meeting may decide. Voting shall be by a show of hands. Nominations for election shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least fourteen days before the meeting. A Special General Meeting shall be called upon the written request to the Secretary of one tenth of the total membership and twenty eight days notice of such meeting shall be given to all members. A quorum of a General Meeting shall consist of one fifth of the total number of the members.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS
The annual subscription shall be fixed by the Annual General Meeting. The annual subscription for a member under 18, or engaged as a student in a full time educational course, shall be one-half of the annual subscription. The subscription shall be due on the date of the Annual General Meeting and shall be payable in advance.

9. AUDITOR
The Annual General Meeting shall appoint an Honorary Auditor who shall audit the accounts.

10. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION
Alterations in the Constitution shall be made only by the majority decision of an Annual General Meeting.

11. DISSOLUTION OF SOCIETY
Should the Society dissolve any surplus funds to be donated to the Geologists' Association or similar charitable body after any outstanding debts are settled.

(Note: This Constitution was approved and adopted by the first Annual General Meeting of the Society, held on 13th May 1971).
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