**Snappers**

**CONSTITUTION**

**1. Name**

The name of the Group shall be **'Snappers'.**

**2. Aim and Activities of the Group**

The aim of Snappers shall be to develop the photographic expertise of its Members and give them the opportunity to share their images both within Snappers and more widely. Activities shall include the showing of images in any format, setting of photographic tasks, practical sessions, individuals meeting together outside, occasional speakers and any other such activities as further the objectives and are agreed by a majority of Members present at the meeting where they are proposed.

**3. Membership**

Membership is open to anyone interested in participating in Snappers' activities without geographical boundaries.

Snappers welcomes all photographers and does not tolerate discriminatory behaviour or attitudes of any kind.

**4. Meetings**

Meetings will be held monthly at the Beckingham Village Hall, Beckingham. The venue and frequency may be changed with the approval of a majority of Members present and voting at any meeting.

Members will pay a previously agreed sum at each meeting.

**5. Health and Safety**

Members, visitors and invited guests are expected to have regard for the safety of themselves and others (including the public). Snappers will not accept any liability in the event of an accident or injury.

Snappers encourages its Members to take out their own photographic insurance to cover their equipment and any public liability.

**6. Officers**

The Group at its AGM in January (or the first meeting of the calendar year) shall appoint a Chairperson and Treasurer. These officers may be appointed at other meetings in the year, if necessary by a vote requiring a simple majority of the Members present and voting at the meeting.

The role of the Chairperson will be to co-ordinate the meetings and other activities and to act as spokesperson for Snappers, when necessary. In the absence of the Chairperson Snappers can agree one of its Members to act temporarily in this role.

The role of the **Treasurer** will be to supervise the financial affairs of Snappers and keep proper accounts which will show all the monies collected and paid out by Snappers. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairperson may act temporarily in this role.

**7. Finance**

The funds of Snappers shall be held in an account in the name of ‘Snappers’ at a Bank, or similar financial institution, approved in advance by the majority of voting Members at a regular meeting. This is currently the Santander Bank.

The Chairperson and Treasurer will administer these accounts on behalf of Snappers and will adhere to the financial rules specified by the account provider, good financial procedure and to any financial rules Snappers subsequently add to this Constitution by a majority vote at a regular meeting.

Any money held from subs paid by its Members shall be used primarily for the activities of Snappers. Any other use of these funds shall be discussed at a meeting which has been advertised to all Members with 14 days’ notice. Agreement for any use not specifically provided for herein, e.g. a donation to charity, must be approved by a simple majority of the Members present and voting at the meeting.

Any funds obtained in the form of a grant for specific purposes will be kept in a reserved account solely for this purpose.

**8. Annual Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of Snappers shall be held in January. If this meeting is unable to be held for reasons beyond Snappers’ control, it will be held at the first meeting of the calendar year. Members will have the opportunity to raise concerns, ask questions or offer suggestions relevant to Snappers’ activities.

The Chairperson, John Turner and Treasurer, Michael Hinks, will be appointed for the next twelve months.

The meeting will discuss Snappers' activities and the Treasurer will present the annual accounts. The Treasurer will have prepared these accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice and will have them independently inspected at the earliest opportunity.

**9. Alterations to this Constitution**

Any changes to this Constitution must be agreed at a regular meeting, advertised at least 14 days in advance to all Members, by a majority of Members present and voting.

**10. Dissolution**

Snappers may be wound up at any time if agreed at a regular meeting, advertised at least 14 days in advance to all Members, by a majority of Members present and voting.

Snappers will be wound up if the Treasurer advises that its continuation cannot be sustained with the financial reserves available to it.

Following a majority decision to wind up Snappers:

a) Any funds remaining in reserved accounts will be returned to the funders who supplied them unless they suggest otherwise.

b) Any property belonging to Snappers will be offered to current Members at a price close to the current market value or offered to another photographic group or sold for the best price obtainable. The proceeds shall be added to the general funds prior to their distribution.

c) Funds remaining in the general account, and any property unsold will be, by a majority vote at the meeting :

 Either i) divided equally (as far as possible) among those who have been Members for a minimum of twelve months.

 or ii) shared equally (as far as possible) between photographic groups to which Members belong.

 or iii) given to a 'Snappers’ chosen charity in memory of the founder, Alan Townsend.

 or iv) a combination of the above.

**Signed by:**

**Chairperson - John Albert Turner**

**Treasurer - Michael Ian Hinks**

**10/01/23**