

CBA LONDON - CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The name of the Group is CBA LONDON (hereinafter called "The Group").

2. STATUS

(1) The Group shall be an independent body pursuing its aims by charitable means for charitable purposes.

(2) The Group shall be governed by the terms of this Constitution.

3. OBJECTS

The Group is established to pursue the following objects in the geographical area of Greater London:

(1) To advance the study and practice of archaeology;

(2) To promote the education of the public in such archaeology;

(3) To conduct and/or communicate the results of relevant research;

(4) To advance public understanding and care of the historic environment;

(5) To act as a forum for debate on archaeological issues

4. RELATIONSHIP WITH COUNCIL FOR BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGY ("CBA")

The Group is supported by the CBA and works on a local and regional level to further the common aims of the CBA and the Group. The CBA is a registered charity in England & Wales (Number 287815) and a company limited by guarantee (Number 1760254) with a registered address at St Mary's House, 66 Bootham, York, YO30 7BZ.

5. ADMINISTRATION

The general management and control of the Group and its assets shall be vested in the Group's Committee of Trustees ('the Committee'), as defined in Clause 7 below.

6. MEMBERSHIP

(1) Membership of the Group shall be open to:

(i) individuals who are interested in furthering the work of the Group and who have paid any annual subscription:

(a) to the CBA at a rate laid down annually by the CBA Council, the member being allocated to the Group as part of CBA membership; **or**

(b) to the Group at a rate laid down from time to time as agreed by members in general meeting.

(ii) institutional or affiliate members, being any body corporate or unincorporated association or other organisation active in archaeology or related fields ('member organisation'), who have paid any annual subscription as aforesaid.

(2) Honorary members may be appointed at the discretion of the Committee. Honorary members shall not be entitled to vote.

(3) The Committee shall have the right to put in place procedures for the approval of membership applications.

(4) The Committee shall have the right to reject applications for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, it considers it to be in the best interests of the charity to refuse the application. In doing so the Committee must:

(i) inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within twenty-one days of the decision;

(ii) consider any written representations the applicant may make about the decision;

The Committee's decision following any written representations must be notified to the applicant in writing, but shall be final.

(5) A member shall cease to be a member if:

- (i) the member dies, or if it is an organisation ceases to exist;
- (ii) the member resigns by written notice to the Group unless, after the resignation, there would be fewer than two members;
- (iii) any sum due from the member to the Group is not paid in full within six months of the due date;
- (iv) for good and sufficient reason the member (individual or organisation) is removed from membership by a resolution of the Committee that it is in the best interests of the Charity that the membership is terminated, provided that:
 - (a) the member has been given at least twenty-one days' notice in writing of the meeting of trustees at which the resolution will be proposed and the reasons why it is to be proposed; and
 - (b) the member or representative(s) concerned shall have the right to appeal to the Committee before a final decision is made.

7. COMMITTEE OF TRUSTEES

(1) The Group and its property shall be managed and administered by a Committee ('the Committee') comprising the Officers below and other members elected in accordance with this Constitution. The Officers and other members of the Committee shall be the Trustees of the Group.

(2) The Committee shall consist of not fewer than 10 and not more than 17 members being normally:

- (i) the honorary officers specified in the following clause;
- (ii) not more than 9 members elected at the annual general meeting who shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting; ("ordinary members").
- (iii) one trustee nominated by each of the following county societies:
 - (a) Essex Society for History and Archaeology
 - (b) Kent Archaeological Society
 - (c) London & Middlesex Archaeological Society
 - (d) Surrey Archaeological Society
- (iv) one trustee nominated by the London Archaeologist
- (v) one trustee nominated by the Society of Antiquaries of London
- (vi) one trustee nominated by the Museum of London

(3) The Committee may in addition appoint up to 5 co-opted members PROVIDED THAT the number of co-opted members shall not exceed one third of the total membership of the Committee. Such co-opted members shall serve until the next annual general meeting.

(4) For those Trustees subject to election from the membership, election to the Committee shall normally be for three years. One third of the elected Committee shall (after a start up period of three years from adoption of this constitution) retire annually in rotation, the members so to retire being those who have been longest in office since the last election, or by agreement or drawing of lots if necessary. Members of the Committee so elected shall be eligible to stand for one further term of three years after the first term of office, but on completion of the second term shall not be eligible for re-election until one year has elapsed.

(5) The proceedings of the Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among their number or by any failure to appoint or any defect in the appointment or qualification of a member.

(6) Nobody shall be elected or appointed as a member of the Committee who is aged under 18 years. However, members of the Group who are aged under 18 years may attend and contribute to Committee meetings at the invitation of the Chairman.

8. HONORARY OFFICERS

(1) At the annual general meeting of the Group the members shall elect from among themselves a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other Honorary Officers ('the Officers') as the Group shall from time to time decide.

(2) The Honorary Officers of the Group shall hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next after their election, but shall be eligible for re-election PROVIDED THAT no Honorary Officer shall hold office for more than six consecutive years. On the expiration of such a period, one further year must elapse before any former Honorary Officer shall be eligible for re-election.

(3) The CBA Trustee with liaison responsibilities to the Group shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Group and Committee in a non-voting capacity.

(4) If casual vacancies occur amongst the Honorary Officers of the Group, the Committee shall have the power to fill these by majority vote from amongst its members until the next general meeting.

9. POWERS

(1) The Committee must manage the business of the group and have the following powers in order to further the Objects (but not for any other purpose):

(i) raise funds and invite and receive contributions provided that in raising funds the Committee shall not undertake permanent trading activities and must comply with any relevant laws and statutory regulations;

(ii) co-operate with the Council for British Archaeology (see above) and, where appropriate, other charities, voluntary bodies, statutory authorities and other organisations operating in furtherance of the objects or of similar charitable purposes and to exchange information and advice with them;

(iii) arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures, classes, seminars and training courses;

(iv) collect and disseminate information on all matters affecting the objects within the region and exchange such information with the CBA, individuals or other bodies having similar objects;

(v) cause to be written and printed or otherwise reproduced and circulated, gratuitously or otherwise, such papers, books, periodicals, pamphlets or other documents or films or recorded tapes (whether audio or visual or other media of communication) as shall further the Objects;

(vi) appoint and constitute such advisory committees as the Committee may think fit;

(vii) establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for any of the charitable purposes included in the Objects;

(viii) acquire, merge with or enter into any partnership or joint venture arrangement with any other charity formed for any of the Objects;

(ix) set aside income as a reserve against future expenditure but only in accordance with an agreed written policy about reserves.

(x) obtain and pay for such goods and services as are necessary for carrying out the work of the Group;

(xi) purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and any rights and privileges necessary for the achievement of the objects and maintain and equip it for use;

- (xii) dispose of all or any part of the property of the Group subject to any consents required by law;
 - (xiii) open and operate such bank accounts as the trustees consider necessary and to invest funds and to delegate the management of funds in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the Trustees of a trust are permitted to do by the Trust Act 2000 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision);
 - (xiv) borrow money and charge all or any part of the property of the Group with repayment of the money so borrowed subject to any consents required by law;
 - (xv) employ such staff as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the objects;
 - (xvi) do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects.
- (2) No alteration of this constitution or any special resolution shall have retrospective effect to invalidate any prior act of the Committee.
- (3) Any meeting of the Committee of Trustees at which a quorum is present at the time the relevant decision is made, may exercise all the powers above exercisable by the Committee.

10. DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF TRUSTEES

A member of the Committee shall cease to hold office as Trustee if he or she:

- (1) is disqualified from acting as a member of the Committee by virtue of section 72 of the Charities Act 1993 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision);
- (2) ceases to be a member of the Group;
- (3) becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing and administering his or her own affairs;
- (4) is absent without the permission of the Committee from all their meetings held within a period of nine consecutive months and the Committee resolve that his or her office be vacated, or;
- (5) notifies to the Committee a wish to resign (but only if at least two members of the Committee will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect).

11. MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

- (1) The Committee may regulate its proceedings as it thinks fit, subject to the provisions of this constitution.
- (2) The Committee shall hold at least three ordinary meetings each year. A special meeting may be called (via the Secretary) at any time by the chairman or by any two members of the Committee upon not less than 4 working days' notice in writing being given to the other members of the Committee of the matters to be discussed.
- (3) The chairman shall act as chairman at meetings of the Committee. If the chairman is absent from any meeting, the members of the Committee present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting before any other business is transacted.
- (4) There shall be a quorum when at least one third of the number of members of the Committee for the time being and/or two members of the Committee, whichever is the greater, are present at a meeting, PROVIDED THAT at least one Officer is present. No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.
- (5) A Trustee shall not be counted in the quorum present when any decision is made about a matter upon which that Trustee is not entitled to vote.
- (6) Every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members of the Committee present and voting on the question but in the case of equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- (7) A resolution in writing signed by all trustees entitled to receive notice shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Committee.
- (8) The Secretary or other person specially appointed by the Committee shall keep a full record of proceedings at every Committee and sub-committee meeting of the Group.

(9) The Committee may from time to time make and alter rules for the conduct of their business, the summoning, quorum and conduct of their meetings and the custody of documents. No rule may be made which is inconsistent with this constitution.

12. DELEGATION

(1) The Committee may appoint one or more sub-committees for the purpose of making an inquiry or supervising or performing any function or duty which, in the opinion of the Committee, would be more conveniently undertaken or carried out by a sub-committee: provided that all acts and proceedings of any such sub-committees shall be fully and promptly reported to the Committee. The members of a sub-committee should include at least two Committee members. The terms of any such delegation should be recorded in the minutes.

(2) The Committee may impose conditions when delegating, including the conditions that:

- the relevant powers are to be exercised exclusively by the sub-committee to whom they delegate;
- no expenditure may be incurred on behalf of the Group except in accordance with a budget previously agreed with the Trustees

(3) The Committee may revoke or alter a delegation.

13. IRREGULARITIES IN PROCEEDINGS

(1) Subject to sub-clause (2) of this clause, all acts done by a meeting of the Committee, or of a sub-committee of Trustees, shall be valid notwithstanding the participation in any vote of a Trustee:

- who was disqualified from holding office
 - who had previously retired or who had been obliged by the constitution to vacate office
 - who was not entitled to vote on the matter, whether by reason of a conflict of interest or otherwise.
- if, without:
- the vote of that Trustee; and
 - that Trustee being counted in the quorum,
- the decision has been made by the majority of the Trustees at a quorate meeting.

(2) Sub-clause (1) of this clause does not permit a Trustee to keep any benefit that may be conferred upon him or her by a resolution of the Committee or of a sub-committee of trustees if the resolution would otherwise have been void.

(3) No resolution or act of

- i. the Committee
- ii. any sub-committee of the Trustees
- iii. the Group in general meeting

shall be invalidated by reason of the failure to give notice to any Trustee or member or by reason of any procedural defect in the meeting unless it is shown that the failure or defect has materially prejudiced a member or the beneficiaries of the Group.

14. MINUTES

The Committee must keep minutes of all:

- (a) appointments of Officers and Trustees made by the Group
- (b) proceedings at meetings of the Group
- (c) meetings of the Committee and sub-committees of trustees including:
 - (i) the names of the Trustees present at the meetings;
 - (ii) the decisions made at the meetings; and
 - (iii) where appropriate the reasons for the decisions

15. RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

- (1) The funds of the Group, including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the Committee in the name of the Group at such bank as the Committee shall from time to time decide. All cheques drawn on the account must be signed by at least two members of the Committee or other such higher minimum number as may be required by the bank or the Committee.
- (2) The income and property of the Group shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects.
- (3) A Trustee may pay out of, or be reimbursed from, the funds of the Group reasonable expenses properly incurred by him or her when acting on behalf of the Group.
- (4) None of the income or property of the Group may be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of profit to any member of the Group. This does not prevent:
 - (a) a member who is not also a trustee from receiving reasonable and proper remuneration for any goods or services supplied to the Group, or being reimbursed for reasonable expenses properly incurred on behalf of the Group;
 - (b) a Trustee from:
 - (i) buying goods or services from the Group upon the same terms as other members or members of the public;
 - (ii) receiving a benefit from the Group in the capacity of a beneficiary and upon the same terms as other members;
 - (c) the purchase of indemnity insurance for the Trustees against any liability that by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to a Trustee or other officer in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust of which he or she may be guilty in relation to the Group but excluding:
 - (i) fines;
 - (ii) costs of unsuccessfully defending criminal prosecutions for offences arising out of the fraud, dishonesty or wilful or reckless misconduct of the Trustee or other officer;
 - (iii) liabilities to the Group that result from conduct that the Trustee or other Officer knew or ought to have known was not in the best interests of the Group or in respect of which the person concerned did not care whether that conduct was in the best interests of the Group or not.
- (5) No Trustee may be paid or receive any other benefit for being a Trustee.

16. ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

- (1) The Committee shall comply with their obligations under the Charities Act 1993 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that Act) with regard to:
 - (i) the keeping of accounting records for the Group;
 - (ii) the preparation of annual statements of account for the Group;
 - (iii) the independent examination of the statements of account for the Group, if required;
 - (iv) the preparation of an annual report of the Group's activities;
 - (v) transmission of the statements of account and the annual report of the Group to the Charity Commission of England & Wales, if required; and
 - (vi) preparation of an annual return and its transmission to the Charity Commission.
- (2) The Committee shall appoint an independent examiner (as defined by the Charity Commission) who is not a member of the Group and shall determine his or her remuneration (if any).

17. REGISTERED PARTICULARS

The Committee must notify the Commission promptly of any changes which will affect the Group's entry on the Central Register of Charities.

18. GENERAL MEETINGS

(1) The Group must hold a general meeting within twelve months of the date of the adoption of this constitution.

(2) Annual general meetings must be held in each subsequent year and not more than fifteen months may elapse between successive annual general meetings.

(3) All general meetings other than the annual general meeting shall be called special general meetings. The Committee may call a special general meeting at any time. The Committee must call a special general meeting if requested to do so by at least ten members or one tenth of the membership, whichever is the greater. The request must state the nature of the business that is to be discussed. If the Committee fails to hold a meeting within 28 days of the request, the membership may call a special general meeting but in doing so must comply with the provisions of this constitution.

(4) Every annual general meeting shall be called by the Committee. The secretary shall give at least 14 clear days notice of the annual general meeting to all members of the Group. All the members of the Group shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, except for members who are under 18 years who may attend but are not entitled to vote. A general meeting may be called by shorter notice, if it is so agreed by all members entitled to attend and vote.

(5) Notice to members may be either in writing or given by electronic communication. It must specify the date, time and place of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted.

(6) The Committee shall present to each annual general meeting the report and accounts of the Group for the preceding year.

(7) The secretary or other person specially appointed by the Committee shall keep a full record of proceedings at every general meeting of the Group.

(8) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as herein otherwise provided, ten members exclusive of the chairman, secretary, treasurer [and other Officers if any have been appointed] personally present shall be a quorum.

(9) If within half an hour from the time appointed for the holding of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved. In any other case, it shall stand adjourned, at the same time and place, or at such other time or place as the Trustees may determine. The Committee must re-convene the meeting and give at least seven clear days notice of the re-convened meeting to all members stating the date time and place of the meeting. If at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting the members present shall be a quorum.

(10) Every individual member over the age of 18 years shall have one vote. Members under the age of 18 years are eligible to attend Group meetings, but are not eligible to vote.

(11) (i) Each member organisation shall have one vote.

(ii) Each member organisation shall appoint an individual to represent it and to vote on its behalf at general meetings of the Group

19. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

(1) Subject to the following provisions of this clause, the Constitution may be altered by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting. The notice of the general meeting must include notice of the resolution, setting out the terms of the alteration proposed.

(2) No amendment may be made to clause 1. (the name of the group), clause 2. (the objects), clause 20. (dissolution) or this clause without the prior consent in writing of the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

(3) No amendment may be made to alter the Objects if the change would not be within the reasonable contemplation of the members of or donors to the Group.

(4) No amendment may be made which would have the effect of making the Group cease to be a charity at law.

(5) The Committee should, within 21 days of an agreed amendment, send to the Charity Commissioner (post registration with the Commission) a copy of any amendments made under this clause.

20. DISSOLUTION

(1) If the Committee decides that it is necessary to dissolve the Group it shall call a meeting of all the members of the Group, of which not less than 21 days' notice (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed) shall be given. If the proposal is confirmed by a two thirds majority of those present and voting, the Committee shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the Group.

(2) The members may pass a resolution before or at the same time as the resolution to dissolve the group specifying the manner in which the Committee is to apply the remaining assets of the Group and the Committee must comply with the resolution insofar as it is consistent with this constitution.

(3) If the members resolve to dissolve the group the Committee will remain in office as Trustees and be responsible for winding up the affairs of the Group in accordance with this clause.

(4) The Committee must collect in all assets of the group and must pay or make provision for all liabilities of the Group.

(5) The Committee must apply any remaining property or money

(a) directly for the objects

(b) by transfer to the CBA or to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Group as the members of the Group may determine or failing that shall be applied for some other charitable purpose approved in advance by the Charity Commission.

(6) A copy of the statement of accounts, or account and statement, for the final accounting period of the Group must be sent to the Commission.

(7) In no circumstances shall the net assets of the Group be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the Group (except to a member that is itself a charity).

21. INSURANCE

The Committee must insure suitably in terms of public liability and other necessary areas of cover.

22. ADOPTION

This constitution was adopted as amended at the General Meeting held on 16 May 2022.