

# Wells Men's Breakfast – Constitution – August 2024

## Title and Objects

1. The Society shall be called Wells Men's Breakfast.
2. The object of the Society shall be the provision of a social forum for men of all ages living in and around Wells, Somerset.
3. The Society shall be independent of any political, religious or philosophical affiliation.

## Membership

4. Membership of the Society shall be open to all applicants on completion of a membership form.
5. Aspirant members are to be introduced by existing members or by application to a member of the Steering Group.
6. Membership will cease:
  - a. on a member giving notice to the Steering Group that he no longer wishes to be a member of the Society
  - b. if a member repeatedly fails to pay the fee for monthly meetings he has attended
  - c. if a member behaves in an offensive way, including making racist, sexist or inflammatory remarks.

## Meetings

7. Meetings of the Society shall be held monthly, except in the month of August.
8. Each meeting shall consist of the sharing of a breakfast meal, a talk on a subject of general interest by a member or invited speaker and questions on the subject.
9. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held at the September meeting of the Society. At the Annual General Meeting, the Steering Group shall account for its management of the Society and its assets in the period since the last such meeting.

## Fees

10. There shall be no joining fee or annual subscription.
11. The Society shall be entitled to charge each member attending a fee for each meeting to cover its outgoings. The amount of the meeting fee shall be the same for all members.

## Steering Group

12. The management of the Society shall be by a Steering Group, appointed for the purpose.
13. The members of the Steering Group shall be established by common consent of the Society's membership or by co-option by the Steering Group.
14. No member of the Steering Group shall be entitled to remuneration in respect of his activities on behalf of the Society. Members of the Steering Group shall be entitled to

reimbursement from the Society's funds of any amount laid out on matters agreed to be on behalf of the Society.

15. The responsibilities of the Steering Group shall include but shall not be limited to:
  - a. contracting for an appropriate venue for the monthly meetings of the Society
  - b. contracting for the provision of breakfast food for the monthly meetings
  - c. engaging suitable speakers for the monthly meetings, including the agreement of a speaker's fee where requested
  - d. the maintenance of a register of members in accordance with General Data Protection Regulations and other relevant statutory provisions
  - e. setting the fee to be charged to members for participation in the monthly meetings
  - f. ensuring the timely and orderly conduct of each monthly meeting
  - g. using the fees collected from members to settle all outgoings arising from the Society's activities
  - h. holding any surplus after such outgoings are settled for the purpose of providing equipment and other resources for the meeting of Society's objects
  - i. accounting to members for its management of the Society.
16. The Steering Group shall record its discussions and decisions in a minute book or similar record which shall be available for inspection by members on request.
17. The Steering Group shall appoint a Chairman from amongst its members. The role of the Chairman shall include but shall not be limited to:
  - a. convening and conducting such meetings of the Steering Group as are deemed necessary for the proper execution of the responsibilities of the Steering Group under this constitution
  - b. conducting the monthly meetings of the Society.
18. The Steering Group shall appoint a Treasurer from amongst its members. The role of the Treasurer shall include but shall not be limited to:
  - a. the secure management of the collection of fees from members at the monthly meetings of the Society
  - b. the establishment of banking and such other facilities as are deemed necessary for the protection of the Society's assets
  - c. reporting on bank balances, cash and other assets at each meeting of the Steering Group.
19. Other designated roles may be assigned by the Steering Group to its members as required.

## Dissolution

20. In the event that the Society ceases its activities, any assets remaining after all debts have been paid shall be given to a body with similar aims (the identification of which shall rest with the Steering Group whose decision shall be final) or to a registered charity in which case the identification of such shall be by majority decision of the membership.