Ide Hill Society – Rules

1. The name of the Society shall be the Ide Hill Society.

2. The objects of the Society shall be:

(a) to promote and co-ordinate enquiry and research into the history, amenities, and ecology of Ide Hill and its neighbourhood and to publicise its conclusions either in book form or in any other manner.

(b) with the approval of a two thirds majority of members present and voting at a General Meeting the objects may be extended to include the support of any specific charitable project designed to improve the amenities of Ide Hill and its neighbourhood

3. Membership shall be open to any person supporting these objects on payment of an annual membership fee. Any member whose subscription the current year is unpaid on the last day of December shall cease to be a member after that day.

4. The Officers of the Society shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Treasurer, and a Secretary. The first officers shall be: Chairman, Jack Clark; Vice-Chairman, Richard Allen; Treasurer, John Buckle; Secretary, Myrra Collins.

5. The Officers shall subsequently be elected at a General Meeting of the Society and shall hold office until the end of the next Annual General Meeting, when they shall retire but be eligible for re-election.

6. The affairs of the Society shall be conducted by the Officers.

7. The ordinary meetings of the Society shall be held in accordance with the programme which shall be formulated by the Officers and issued to all members of the Society during the year. An extraordinary general Meeting shall be held upon the written request of six members of the Society.

8. An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held during the first quarter of every year for the purpose of:

a) Receiving the Officers' Report on the work of the Society during the preceding year, and a Financial Statement and Balance Sheet signed by the Auditors.

b) The election of Officers, and

c) Any other business of which notice has been given to members or which the Chairman shall rule is in order.

9. Six members personally present of whom at least one shall be an Officer shall constitute a quorum at all General Meetings.

10. The Annual subscription which shall become due on 1st January in each year shall be proposed by the Officers and approved by the members at the AGM.

11. The Constitution may be amended by a two—thirds majority of members present at a general Meeting, provided that seven days' notice of the amendment has been given and provided that nothing therein contained shall authorise any amendment permitting the expenditure of funds of the Society on any object which is not a charitable object.

12. All subscriptions and other moneys of the Society shall be passed to the Treasurer who shall be responsible for keeping accounts thereof. All sums received by him on the Society's behalf shall be paid into the Society’s banking account and all cheques drawn on that account signed by him and one other officer.

13. The funds of the Society shall be used solely for furthering the Society’s objects and only in ways sanctioned by the Officers or a General Meeting.

14. On the liquidation of the Society, funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer may be donated to the support of any charitable object or association designed to improve the amenities of Ide Hill or its neighbourhood.

15. An Auditor for the ensuing year shall be elected at every A.G.M. and shall be eligible for re-election.