# Mid Sussex Philatelic Society

(Formed 2011)

(*Formerly Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath & District Philatelic Societies*)

## Constitution

1. **Name and Object**
   a) The Society shall be known as the "**Mid Sussex Philatelic Society**".
   b) The object of the Society shall be to promote philately

2. **Membership**
   a) Membership shall be open to anyone of 18 years or over, as on 1st September.
   Young collectors of 11-17 years are welcome to become Junior Members
   b) The Annual Subscription shall be fixed by the Society at the Annual General Meeting and shall be due on 1st September each year.
   New Members joining the Society after 31st March and before 1st September shall on payment of one Annual Subscription be entitled to Membership for the remainder of that year and for the following subscription year.
   c) Honorary Life Membership of the society may be granted. Nominations for Life Membership shall be submitted in writing to the Committee for initial consideration and subsequent recommendation, if considered appropriate, to the Annual General Meeting.
   d) Each member shall be supplied with a copy of the Constitution and shall be bound by it.
   e) Should any member by his or her conduct indicate that in the opinion of the Committee their continued membership is undesirable they shall be expelled. In the event of an appeal, an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called to adjudicate on the expulsion.

3. **Administration**
   a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held on a date to be stated in the annual programme.
   b) Junior members may attend, but not vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Extraordinary General Meeting.
   c) The Officers of the Society shall be:-
   President, Vice President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Packet Secretary.
   d) d) The officers to form the committee to manage the affairs of the Society and may approve affiliation to other philatelic bodies. All the officers shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee to have powers to co-opt.
   e) The Hon. Secretary shall keep a Minute Book of all Committee Meetings, the Annual General Meeting and any Extraordinary General Meetings. This to be available at Society meetings.
   f) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee as and when deemed necessary or by a specific request in writing to the Hon. Secretary by not less than ten members indicating the purpose. Fourteen days notice in writing, stating the reasons for the meeting shall be given to all members.
   g) The decision of the Committee upon all matters affecting the society and not specifically provided for in the Constitution shall be final and binding on all members, subject to Clause 3f above.
   h) All votes shall be decided on a simple majority except as indicated in Clause 6. The chair of the meeting shall have the casting vote in the event of the votes being of equal number. All General Meetings must have a quorum of 10 members present to transact business.
   i) The Packet, Competitions and Auction shall be administered under separate rules approved by the Committee.

4. **Finance**
   a) The general account and packet account shall be made up to the 31st May in each year, audited and presented by the Hon. Treasurer and Packet Secretary to the Annual General Meeting.
   b) The Hon. Independent Examiner shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting.

5. **Amendment of the Constitution**
   Amendment of the Constitution shall be by resolution at any Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment(s) shall be served on each member not less than fourteen days before the time fixed for holding such a meeting.

6. **Dissolution of the Society**
   The Society shall be dissolved if 75% of the members voting at an Extraordinary General Meeting vote in favour of dissolution. The Hon. Treasurer shall realise sufficient of the Society's assets to settle all liabilities and any surplus shall, with the agreement of the members voting at the Extraordinary General Meeting, be transferred to nominated local, county or national bodies concerned with the promotion of philately.