

**CONSTITUTION OF  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF LABOUR HISTORY**  
**Registered Charity No. 288599**  
**(Approved by the SSLH AGM, 8 November 2003)**

1. The title of the society shall be 'The Society for the Study of Labour History'.
2. The objects of the Society are to educate the public in the field of Labour History and to safeguard the preservation of labour archives.
3. Membership is open to all persons who wish to associate themselves with the objects of the Society and who pay the annual subscription. The annual subscription shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee and agreed by the AGM.
4. The Officers of the Society shall include an honorary President and Vice-Presidents and an executive Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Conference Secretary, International Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Editors appointed by the Executive Committee.
5. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers (ex-officio) and up to ten members. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to carry out the instructions of the Annual General Meeting to the best of its ability. Between meetings of the AGM the EC shall have authority to act on behalf of the Society and initiate action which it considers to be in the interests of the Society. It shall appoint editors and also have the power to co-opt members. It shall further have power to constitute sub-committees for specific purposes.
6. The appropriate Officers and seven of the other members of the EC shall be elected by biennial postal ballots. The three remaining members of the EC shall be elected biennially at the AGM. All persons nominated must give the Secretary verbal or written assurances of their readiness to stand for office. Nominations for the postal ballot will be called for at the start of the year of the election by a notice posted on the Society's web site and published in the first issue of that year's volume of the Society's journal. Nominations, proposed and seconded and accompanied by a statement from the nominee of willingness to stand must reach the Secretary by the 30<sup>th</sup> May of the relevant year of election. The Secretary will prepare a ballot paper from the valid list of nominations, which shall be sent to every member in good time before the date of the AGM.
7. There shall be an AGM held normally in conjunction with the autumn meeting of the Society. The Society shall notify all members in writing in advance of the time and place of the AGM, and shall include a copy of the Agenda and of any proposed Amendments to the Constitution. All members shall have the right to attend and vote.
8. No amendment shall be made to clauses 2, 7 or 9 without the written consent in advance of the Charity Commissioners. No amendment shall be made which would cause the Society to cease to be a charity at law.
9. Dissolution: The Society may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for the purpose of which 21 days' notice shall have been given to members. Such resolutions shall give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Society, provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Society but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to some or all of the objects of the Society.