

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE THOMAS BRASSEY SOCIETY**

**As adopted in the inaugural meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- 1 NAME** The name of the organisation shall be  
**The Thomas Brassey Society** (hereinafter referred to as 'the Society').
- 2 OBJECTS** The Society is established to promote Thomas Brassey, the world's foremost railway contractor in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Namely:

- i) To inform people of his achievements by way of education, talks, lectures, exhibitions, leaflets and the like.
- ii) To raise money for the purpose of supplying interpretation panels, a Blue Plaque, a statue of Thomas Brassey at Chester Station and/or other such means that the committee feel appropriate.

## **3 MANAGEMENT**

In furtherance of the said Objects but not otherwise the Society through its Executive Committee shall have the following powers:

- a) To act as a co-ordinating body and to liaise with the local authorities, planning committees, Historic England, all other statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, charities and persons having aims similar to those of the Society.
- b) To hold at least two committee meetings and one Annual General Meeting each year and additional meetings as appropriate.
- c) To do all such other things as are necessary for the attainment of the said Objects.

## **4 MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be open to anyone wishing to join the Society and to groups and organisations which can demonstrate that they have sympathy with the aims listed under the heading of Objects of the Society shown within this constitution.

## **5 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Initially, ten pounds (£10) per member, per annum, payable to the Treasurer (normally at the AGM or by post or by Standing Order) – subject to annual review.

## **6 MEETINGS**

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in or about November of each year to receive the Executive Committee's report and to elect officers and members of the Committee. The Committee shall give at least 30 days' notice of the AGM. The Committee shall decide when ordinary meetings of the Society shall be held. The Committee shall give at least 14 days' notice to members of all ordinary meetings of the Society and inform members by email where possible of items of interest affecting the Society. A Treasurer's report shall be presented to members of the Society at every meeting for their approval.

## **7 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Nominations for the election of Officers can be made to the Honorary Secretary before the AGM or at the time of the AGM. The election of further committee members should then take place after the Officer positions have been designated.

The Officers of the Society shall consist of:

Chairman  
Honorary Secretary  
Honorary Treasurer

The size of the Committee, including Officers, shall be between 5 and 9 members. The Committee quorum will be 4.

The Committee have the power to co-opt a member on to the Committee at any time during the year.

All Officers shall relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the AGM.

## **8 FUNDS**

The money collected from subscriptions, donations and elsewhere will be retained in a bank and managed by the Treasurer and requiring two nominated signatories for any withdrawals.

## **9 SIGNATORIES**

As nominated each year at the AGM.

## **10 PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS**

All monies collected shall be used in pursuance of the Objects of the Society as set out in this Constitution.

## **11 EXPENSES**

Expenses can be claimed by the Officers of the Society to cover administration costs, i.e. stationery and postage etc. Any other expenses can be reimbursed at the discretion of the Committee.

## **12 WINDING UP**

If the Society agrees to wind up, the Chairman shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) and obtain agreement by way of a general consensus to wind up.

After paying all outstanding debts and where appropriate, reimbursing project-specific donations (as per the terms of said donations), any outstanding money belonging to the Society should be returned to the donors if practicable or donated to a railway-associated charity or charities, as decided by the Committee.

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