



Cambridge University Wine Society

Constitution

1. The name of the society shall be: “*the Cambridge University Wine Society*”.
2. The Society’s aims shall be: To hold termly events and tastings to further the appreciation of wine within the University of Cambridge, to enable students to experience a wide range of wine, to promote knowledge of the processes involved in the production of wine, and to enhance understanding of the cultural and social relevance of the production and consumption of wine.
3. Membership of the Society shall be extended to all members of the University; other members may be admitted at the discretion of the Committee. The Committee shall have the right to offer free honorary membership and free life membership to any person as it sees fit. It shall not refuse membership on the grounds of race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, political views, or interest in particular wines, but it may expel any member for behaviour likely to bring the Society into disrepute. There shall be an annual fee for membership and discounted two and three year membership fee fixed by the Committee. All members shall have full voting rights at Society meetings.
4. Meetings of the Society:
 - (a) Ordinary Meetings: tastings and other events shall be held during Full Term, with the majority of events taking place during Michaelmas Term and Lent Term. Tastings and other events shall be also open to non-members. There will be an additional charge for each tasting, which shall be fixed by the Committee. Members shall receive a discount on the ticket price for each event.
 - (b) The Annual General Meeting of the Society (AGM) shall be held each year at the end of Lent Full Term. The time and venue of this meeting will be determined and publicised by the Committee at least fourteen Full Term days in advance.
5. The Committee of the Society shall be elected at the AGM. Nominations for the Committee must be submitted to the Secretary at least five Full Term days before the AGM. Any member of the Society may stand for any Committee post. There may be hustings at the AGM. Votes shall be counted by two persons chosen at the AGM, who are not candidates for Committee posts. The election and count shall be conducted using the Single Transferable Vote system. The Committee may at its discretion co-opt additional Committee members to itself where it perceives the need, or to fill vacancies that may arise. The Committee shall not be charged by the Society for attendance of any event, and shall be granted honorary life membership on retirement.
6. The Committee shall consist of: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Officer, Ticketing Officer.
7. A Senior Treasurer will be appointed by the Committee each year to audit the Society’s accounts.
8. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any five members of the Society, and must be submitted to the Secretary in writing. No vote on a constitutional amendment shall be valid unless at least one quarter of the Society’s membership participates.
9. In the event of the Society folding, all remaining assets of the Society shall be paid over to the Societies Syndicate for the benefit of other societies.