## **CONSTITUTION OF THE CHETNOLE AND LEIGH GARDEN CLUB**

- 1. The purpose of the Chetnole & Leigh Garden Club shall be to further the members' enjoyment of gardens and related interests.
- 2. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in October each year at which the annual subscription for the following year shall be fixed. This will become due on 1<sup>st</sup> November each year.
- 3. The officers shall consist of a Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a programme Secretary, who shall be members of the Club and elected to office each year at the Annual General Meeting.
- 4. The affairs of the club shall be managed by a committee consisting of the officers and up to six other members of the Club who shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5. The officers and committee shall have power to fill by co-option any vacancies that occur during the year.
- 6. The members of the committee shall be eligible for re-election each year, save that the Chairman shall no be eligible to serve in the office for more than three years consecutively.
- 7. A Special Meeting may be called upon request, stating its reason, signed be not fewer than 25% of the members of the Club and delivered to the Secretary not less than 14 days before the date proposed for the meeting. No business other than that specified in the requisition may be considered at the meeting. All members of the Club must be notified of the meeting.
- 8. Four committee members shall be a quorum at a committee meeting and 25% of all members at an Annual General Meeting or special meeting.
- 9. A statement of accounts up to the end of July each year shall be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting. This statement shall be verified by an independent scrutineer who is not a member of the committee and is appointed annually by the committee.
- 10. Guests may attend meetings of the Club other than the Annual General Meeting or special meeting. This subject to a fee as set by the committee.
- 11. These rules may be amended only by an Annual General Meeting or special meeting.
- 12. Membership of the Club implies an undertaking to comply with and abide by these rules.