



## THE RUSKIN COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP

### THE PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION – AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Ruskin Fellowship Executive Committee has spent some considerable time during the past year in developing a new constitution.

The Executive Committee is *not* in total agreement with the new proposals. Some members think that the proposals are an appropriate way forward for the Fellowship whilst other members disagree significantly.

However, at its meeting of 29 May 2010, the Executive Committee agreed to put the proposals to the AGM. Under the current Constitution:

Any amendment of the constitution shall be subject to approval at the annual general meeting and shall be subject to a two thirds majority.

It is important that Fellowship members are able to read the proposals for a new constitution and also to be able to see the current constitution. Both of these documents will be put on the College's website by Friday 25 June 2010.

Executive members realise that not all members have access to home computers and /or are able to use them. We therefore offer advice below on how to overcome these difficulties and access the documents.

To access the information you will need to use a computer that has access to the internet. If you do not have this facility at home, we would suggest that you use your local **public library** or any other community facility that provides similar access in your community.

**For those members who are not conversant with the use of internet we would advise you to ask your local librarian to help you take the following steps:**

- Type into the search engine: Ruskin College Oxford
- Click on to the Home Page
- Click on to 'Ruskin Fellowship' – this is on the bottom left hand side of the screen in a blue box.
- Click on to 'Constitution' – this is on the left hand side of the screen under "About the Fellowship"
- Read through the current constitution
- Read through the new proposals (April 2010)

There will be opportunities to discuss the pros and cons of the proposed constitution on the Saturday evening of the re-union – please see the activity shown at 18:30 on your programme. As your Executive Committee we will try to ensure that you are clearly informed as to where the differences arise so that you can make an informed decision.

The vote for the proposals will take place at the AGM on Sunday morning. Members will be asked to vote for the constitution in its entirety.

Thanks

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