



Environmental and Ecology Policy

Purpose

- 1) Commitment to protecting and actively enhancing the quality, extent and accessibility of the open spaces, trees and natural environment for people and wildlife.
- 2) To meet the requirements of relevant legislation and good practice. Ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions taken on provision of facilities and services.
- 3) In providing facilities, ensure that the environmental impact will be assessed and minimised.

Aims of the Committee

Promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment and participate in environmental issues.

Raise awareness of Trustees, visitors and users by information provision and open consultation within our community.

Identify opportunities to improve the hall and its fittings to minimise energy usage to meet the government target of net zero emissions 2050.

Commitment

Management Committee will:

- 1) Encourage those using the hall to walk, cycle and use communal transport as alternatives to the private motor car.
- 2) Seek to provide facilities and equipment that promote energy efficiency and reduce pollution.
- 3) Commit to training Trustees and volunteers who are responsible for hiring the hall and grounds to ensure minimum use of energy and utilities and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution.
- 4) Adopt appropriate generation and use of renewable and low carbon energy.
- 5) Ensure Trustees, hirers and users understand the effect of noise and light pollution on neighbours and wider community.
- 6) Implement a waste management system that encourages conservation, re-use, and recycling. Waste disposal containers for appropriate segregation will be provided.
- 7) Monitor the consumption of electricity and water to minimise use. Identify opportunities to introduce new and emerging technologies.

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