

Clapham Community Shop - Environmental Policy

Purpose

Clapham Community Shop is run for the benefit of the community and we recognise that we have a responsibility to the environment which goes beyond our legal and regulatory requirements; we wish to incorporate environmental factors into our everyday decisions.

We are committed to reducing our environmental impact and wish to continually improve our performance by involving our customers, staff, volunteers and members.

We will encourage our customers, suppliers and other stakeholders in the community to work with us to deliver our commitment to the environment.

Aims

We endeavour to:

- Comply with, and exceed, all relevant regulatory requirements.
- Continually improve and reduce our environmental impact.

Paper and Packaging

- We will seek to
 - minimise the use of paper and packaging in the shop and office.
 - use recycled and recyclable paper products.
 - reuse and recycle all paper and plastics, where possible.

Energy and water

- We will seek to reduce the amount of energy and water used.
- Lights and electrical equipment will be switched off when not in use.
- Heating will be adjusted with energy consumption in mind.
- The energy efficiency of products will be considered when purchasing.

Equipment

- We will evaluate the environmental impact of any equipment before purchase.
- We will favour environmentally friendly and efficient products, wherever possible.

Transport

- We will work with our suppliers, where possible, to reduce our carbon footprint.
- We will promote the use of travel alternatives; e-mail/video/phone conferencing.

Maintenance and cleaning

- Cleaning materials used will be as environmentally friendly as possible.
- We will only use licensed and appropriate organisations to dispose of waste.

Culture

- We will review the impact of this policy with our members.
- We will involve staff and volunteers in the implementation of this policy.
- We will update this policy annually in consultation with our stakeholders.
- We will partner with our suppliers and contractors to improve their environmental performance and use local labour and materials where available

Responsibility

This policy is overseen by the Management Committee.

The Shop Manager is responsible for ensuring that the environmental policy is implemented at an operational level. However, everyone associated with the shop has a responsibility in their own area to ensure that the aims and objectives of this policy are met.

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