

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Lordship Hub Co-op will ensure that its activities minimise harm to and are as beneficial to the environment as possible.

The purpose of this policy is to examine the practices of our organisation, to identify any which are potentially harmful to the environment, to agree on actions to address them, and to ensure that those actions are carried out. It will also demonstrate to the wider community our commitment to protect the environment in a responsible manner and to work in an efficient, environmentally friendly and therefore sustainable way.

Lordship Hub needs to be environmentally sensitive and considerate of the environment, and we have identified the following areas which we need to consider

1. Creation and disposal of Waste
2. Use of Energy
3. Use of Water (and other Natural Resources)
4. Use of the Park Landscape
5. Purchase and use of particular products
6. Transport

Within each of these areas, we have identified various specific issues and actions to address them:

### 1. **Minimise waste and recycle more**

This group will seek to minimise the amount of waste that we generate and also try to promote re-use recycling and composting wherever possible. We will make every effort to:

- work towards minimising use of disposable plastic bottles and non easily recyclable takeaway cups. We will provide free drinking water from our mains tap on site and install and maintain a public drinking water fountain if feasible.
- minimise printing of documents, print documents double-sided and reduce font size etc, to minimise number of sheets of paper used where possible
- Do more of our administration online where feasible
- recycle as much of our waste as possible, including by composting

### 2. **Use less energy**

The Lordship Hub Co-op will respond to the national need to reduce Carbon Dioxide emissions to help combat global climate change. It will seek to minimise energy use in every area of its activities including heating and lighting. Examples of this could be:

- We should use artificial lighting only when necessary and remember to turn everything off at the end of the working day.

### 3. **Reduce water use**

We will reduce water usage and waste where possible

### 4. **Sustainable land management**

In its management of land, this group will seek to reduce harm on, and take opportunities to enhance, wildlife and the natural environment. We will make every effort to:

- reduce or eliminate the use of artificial chemicals used on the land that can build up and harm wildlife and pollute local waterways
- try to use local native species to encourage local wildlife when doing new planting
- use compost we have made ourselves or obtained from a local source rather than peat based compost
- compost any weeds or clippings
- control of particularly non biodegradable litter around the building to avoid damage to wildlife.
- to encourage and educate park users not to feed bread to birds and to provide healthy bird food

### 5. **Consider the environment when deciding what products we purchase**

- buy recycled and recyclable products wherever possible
- buy local produce, or products that are environmentally friendly or from sustainable sources where possible and affordable
- buy products which are not over-packaged and where packaging is biodegradable or recyclable
- use cleaning products which are environmentally friendly where feasible and affordable and if usable on our particular surfaces.

### 6. **Transport**

- Encourage Lordship Hub users to travel to meetings or events by public transport, bike or on foot, or to share lifts wherever possible and use online meeting facilities where feasible or acceptable.

### 7. **Raising environmental awareness**

Lordship Hub will try to ensure that all of its users and members are familiar with this policy and get the opportunity to find out more about environmental sustainability issues and that they have the opportunity to voice any concerns which they might have about our practice or that of the Council. We will also make it our aim to raise environmental awareness amongst all park users through both example, educational work and encouraging classes/workshops relating to recycling and upcycling.

Approved by board on (date) November 2020
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Signed Dave Morris (Board member)

Next review date: November 2021