

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOR ROTARY CLUB CAMBRIDGE

District Environmental Statement.

Rotary pledges to improve the environmental quality of our lives by educating, encouraging and providing resources for people to practise environmentally conscious habits. Working together and with our communities we aim to create a more environmentally friendly world.

Rotary Club Cambridge has adopted the District Environmental Statement and recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and regulatory requirements.

Rotarians are committed to reducing our environmental impact and continually improving environmental performance as an integral part of their business strategy and operating methods.

Club Environmental Policy

Responsibility

The club's environment group is responsible for ensuring that this environmental policy is implemented, however, all members have a responsibility to ensure that the aims and objectives of this policy are implemented.

Aims

We endeavour to:

Comply with all regulatory requirements

Continually improve and monitor environmental performance.

Continually improve and reduce environmental impacts.

Encourage greater awareness in the community, especially in schools.

Explore links with other organisations concerned with safe guarding the environment. Particularly those based in Cambridge.

Incorporate environmental factors into club decisions.

Increase members awareness by including regular updates in the monthly Newslink.

Paper

We will:

Minimise the use of paper in the club.

Reuse and recycle paper where possible.

Energy

We will seek to:

Switch off lights and electrical equipment when not in use.

Supplies

We will

Favour more environmentally friendly and efficient products whenever possible.

Reuse and recycle everything we are able to, in association with Cambridge Re-use, where appropriate.

Meetings

Where appropriate Council and other committee meetings should be held on Zoom.

Travel

We will

Promote the use of travel alternatives, including active travel, public transport, car sharing, email and zoom meetings.

Activities

We will

Promote the Young Environmentalist competition in Cambridge schools.

Undertake local projects e.g. Tree planting

Encourage regular talks at club meetings on environmental issues.

Monitoring and improvement.

We will

Monitor the policy and improve where necessary.

Update this policy annually in consultation with members where necessary.

This policy was approved by Council 7 September 2021

The Environment group currently includes John Barrett, Clare Waterhouse and Dee Hutley and would be pleased to hear from others who would like to join them.