



Culboke Community Trust Environmental Policy

Environmental Position Statement

In developing this policy CCT has had regard to the overwhelming weight of evidence from global scientists that human activities have caused the climate crisis¹ and unprecedented levels of species extinctions². This is clearly articulated in the Statement by the Scottish Government on 14 May 2019³, which declared a climate emergency. CCT is therefore committed to helping to address these issues by:

- Minimising its use of all non-renewable materials and energy
- Minimising its impacts in terms of pollution, emissions and waste

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1. **Energy:** We will promote energy efficiency in all of our activities and there will be a strong preference to source energy from renewable sources
2. **Biodiversity:** We will endeavour to apply the principles of biodiversity net gain (i.e. increasing the biodiversity value of the site as part of the development) in all of our projects
3. **Waste:** We will minimise our use of all materials and choose recycled and reused materials where possible. Any waste will be recycled where possible and all waste will be disposed of responsibly
4. **Plastic:** We will avoid single use plastic where possible. Other plastics will be reused or recycled
5. **Transport:** We will seek to minimise emissions arising from transport related to all CCT activities and projects. Avoiding unnecessary travel, car sharing, active travel, public transport and electric vehicles will all have a role to play
6. **Water:** We will minimise water use by careful planning and design – for example in building projects and in garden design
7. **Building materials:** Wherever possible we will use sustainable building materials, such as those with low embodied energy (i.e. those whose manufacture has used relatively small amounts of energy) and high carbon sequestration properties (i.e. those materials that help remove CO₂ from the atmosphere) and those that are free of harmful solvents and toxins.

¹ [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#)

² [Intergovernmental science policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystems services](#)

³ [Roseanna Cunningham's statement 14 May 2019](#)

8. Outdoor management: We will strive to use organic techniques where feasible. Where herbicides or other garden products are required we will seek organic options that are safe for human and animal health and the health of the wider environment.
9. Procurement: We will select suppliers on the basis of environmental responsibility as well as value for money. We expect all suppliers and contractors to understand our environmental policy and expect these standards to be met.
10. Regulation: Not only will we will comply with all environmental regulations, we will seek to go beyond compliance to meet the terms of this policy
11. Awareness and education: We will raise awareness of the environmental issues relating to our activities and promote environmentally responsible behaviour throughout CCT. The CCT Web site and regular newsletter will be key vehicles for promoting the policy
12. Policy management: All Working Groups of CCT will be given a copy of this policy and will be asked to consider the environmental impacts of existing and new activities and how these will be mitigated. Group reports to the Board will include an environmental report where appropriate. Good practice will be shared with CCT Groups and members.

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