

Appendix 6: Environmental Protection Policy

Commitment:

The Society acknowledges the connection between our climate, our actions and the well-being of humans and other species around us. It recognises that, taken in a global context and over time, our actions can directly or indirectly contribute to the threat of current and potential future homelessness, disease, destruction of biodiversity, food and water shortages and poverty for millions of people around the world and thus accepts that it has a responsibility to reduce its own carbon and environmental footprints wherever it can.

Objectives and Implementation:

To fulfill this commitment the Society shall aim to implement the following objectives:

- For all societal activities and especially during the Societies events all members will be expected to behave in a manner befitting an environmentally responsible organisation, minimising wastage and maximising reuse and recycling.
- When hiring venues for its activities the Society shall aim to choose premises with efficient energy and water usage facilities.
- During its events and activities, the Society shall aim to promote sustainable and eco-friendly travel and reduce vehicular pollution and congestion, for example by promoting car- sharing or cycling.
- The Society shall aim to follow a green purchasing policy, firstly asking the question whether a purchase is strictly necessary and if it is, whether the amounts required could be reduced. Secondly it will seek to buy re-used items or recyclable energy efficient items wherever practicable.

The Management Committee will review this policy every 3 years.