

# Environmental Policy

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## Parish Council

### **Central Swindon North Parish Council Environment Policy**

Central Swindon North Parish Council (CSNPC) recognises its operations and activities have an impact on the environment and its responsibilities to minimise adverse impacts and maximise positive impacts.

#### **Aims**

- In all its activities the Parish Council will aim to make a positive contribution to protecting and enhancing the local and global environment.
- To promote the importance and value of a quality environment and its contribution to quality of life for our community.

#### **To achieve this Central Swindon North Parish Council will:**

1. Meet all relevant environmental legislation and regulations
2. Update and improve policies in light of increased understanding and knowledge.
3. Minimise the consumption of all resources used in its operations and consider the lifecycle impact of purchases.
4. Minimise waste; recycle and reuse waste materials where possible and dispose of all necessary waste through safe and responsible methods.
5. Minimise energy use and emissions to air. Use renewable energy sources as far as possible. Recommend energy conservation technology where applicable (including insulation, low energy light bulbs, low water use toilets)
6. Encourage community-led initiatives where appropriate.
7. Support initiatives that encourage sustainable transport, such as providing places for cycle parking, cycle path, recharging points for electric cars.
8. Respect and protect natural resources through conservation and good management.
  - a. The Parish will, wherever possible, consider the conservation and promotion of local biodiversity in all its activities, but particularly with

regards to land management. The Council will seek to manage green spaces in a manner that promotes and protects biodiversity.

- b. The Parish will, where possible, implement water saving measures on its assets and allotments, for example, encouraging allotment tenants to reduce their waste usage of collecting water for re-use.
  - c. Encourage users of parish owned grounds and allotments to enhance biodiversity to encourage wildlife and plant-life where appropriate.
  - d. Cleaning fluids, polishes and glues etc. should be as environmentally least damaging as possible. Bleach and solvents harmful to the environment to be avoided.
9. Where possible use contractors and suppliers who
- a. have an environmental policy which meets best practice and is updated regularly
  - b. are local, thus minimising transportation and supporting the local economy