



Environmental Policy

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Finding practical solutions to the climate crisis is the core activity of Shareenergy Co-operative Ltd

In our own operations we are committed to outstanding environmental performance. We are striving to ensure every aspect of our work incorporates the principles of sustainability. This means we will strive for sustainability in our roles as provider of operational services to community energy groups, and as knowledge provider and incubator of new groups and projects.

We adhere to the guiding principles of the UK Sustainable Development Strategy – live within environmental limits, ensure a strong and healthy society, achieve a sustainable economy, promote good governance and use sound science responsibly. This means that we will respect the planet’s resources, take a precautionary and polluter pays approach to preserve the environment for future generation, incentivise resource efficiency, use sound scientific evidence to inform our policies where available and work with stakeholders to achieve these aims.

Shareenergy makes the following commitments both in respect of its own activities and, where appropriate, in its influence over the wider community and the community energy movement:

1. To reduce our demand for natural resources and energy, to improve efficiency and to increase reliance on renewable, low-carbon energy sources
2. To seek to minimise the waste produced from our activities
3. To continuously improve the sustainable management of our operations reducing the emission of air pollutants and greenhouse gases
4. To be mindful of the impacts of climate change of the delivery of our services and increase the resilience of our services to impacts such as flooding and heatwaves
5. To prevent environmental harm or pollution incidents at all sites by ensuring our working practices comply with all relevant legislation

6. To ensure that all staff are aware of our environmental standards and shared responsibilities and encourage improvement in our supply chains and partnership networks
7. Through our actions to protect and enhance biodiversity and to combat climate change.
8. To maintain continuous improvement by reviewing corporate policies and strategies to ensure integration of sustainable development principles and practices

To meet these commitments, Sharenergy will:

- Use this policy as a framework for setting objectives and targets for environmental improvement
- Operate a procurement and contracting policy that conforms to these objectives
- Operate effective management of environmental impacts
- Communicate the requirements of this policy to all employees, suppliers and partners
- Make this policy publicly available