



DUNTON COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP

Environmental Policy

Policy Statement

Dunton Community Garden Group (DCGG) is committed to minimising the impact of its activities on the environment wherever possible and to using environmentally sustainable growing practices.

Scope of policy

All members, employees and applicants, visitors and users of DCGG facilities and services.

Purpose of this policy

The overall aims are to:

- Reduce waste and environmental contamination where possible by thinking about what is purchased and how it is used
- Reuse wherever possible by trying to find a second life for items
- Recycling those items for which an alternative use cannot be found.

Elements of the policy

The aims will be achieved by:

- Trying to buy only the amount of consumable items, and those capital items, that are actually needed, and ensuring where possible they are locally sourced, fairly traded and made from recycled and/or environmentally friendly materials
- Minimising the use of office consumables
- Composting all garden waste, shredded office paper, kitchen waste and leftovers from packed lunches
- Using recycled wood where possible for compost bays and other garden structures
- Using organic or untreated seed of pest and disease resistant varieties
- Following organic pest and disease procedures
- Using organic fertilisers if needed
- Using rainwater for irrigation as a preference
- Minimising the use of electricity by turning off electrical equipment when not in use and using hand tools where possible
- Promoting cycling, walking, the use of public transport and car sharing where possible.

Responsibilities

Day to day responsibility for implementing this policy lies with the Garden Co-ordinator. If modifications of existing practice need to be introduced these will be ratified by the DCGG Committee and implemented through the Garden Co-ordinator.

The overall responsibility for putting this Policy into action lies with the Committee. However, all employees, members and users of DCGG facilities and services are expected to observe and adhere to the principles of this policy.

Monitoring

The policy will be reviewed annually, any general information gained relating to the practise and monitoring of the Policy will be brought to this review.

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