



Lostwithiel Town Council

Environmental Policy

This policy was approved on Tuesday 1 October 2019. Minute ref 202/19 Climate Emergency

Lostwithiel Town Council is committed to support the creation of a sustainable community and continuous improvement in its environmental performance.

Lostwithiel Town Council recognises there is a climate change emergency and acknowledges that its activities may have an adverse impact on the environment and that it can take steps to minimise any such impact.

The Council will strive to make a positive contribution to protecting and enhancing the local and global environment whilst preserving the local heritage.

Lostwithiel Town Council will ensure that all of its operations and any activities undertaken by or on behalf of the Council comply with or exceed all environmental regulations, laws and codes of practice, as applicable.

Policy Aims

- To ensure consideration is given to the environment whilst Council and its employees are conducting its business and activities.
- To promote the importance and value of a high-quality environment and its contribution to the well-being of the community of Lostwithiel.
- To support the community of Lostwithiel in its enjoyment of the local environment.
 - To undertake Council work in an efficient way to reduce/minimise its adverse impact on our environment

Policy Objectives

Land & Parks

- The Council will seek to protect and enhance the quality of Lostwithiel's natural environment and open spaces.
- The Council will support the conservation and careful management of its land to protect, restore, enhance and promote biodiversity and when appropriate encourage the use of native and wildlife friendly species in planting schemes.
- The Council will ensure that Council owned parks are maintained in an environmentally sensitive way (within financial and operational constraints).
 - The Council will support the conservation of trees and hedgerows
 - The Council will consider environmental conservation when responding to planning applications.
 - The Council will commit to developing a plan to reduce and eventually stop the use of pesticides/herbicides on all Town Council owned/managed land.

Risks

- The council will seek to identify and where possible eliminate risks to the environment through selection and design of materials, buildings facilities, equipment and processes.

Services

- The Council will continue to look for ways to reduce energy and water consumption and where practicable introduce energy saving measures in all premises refurbishments and new build projects.

Materials

- The Council will aim to minimise the creation of waste and increase recycling and reuse of materials.
- When practicable the Council will endeavour to use locally sourced and sustainably produced food at town council events whilst maintaining value for money and quality. The Council will seek to use alternatives to single-use tableware whenever possible.

Communication

- The Council will engage with local residents, organisations and businesses to share and learn better practices in an effort to lower carbon footprints and support them in their adoption of lower impact practices.
- When appropriate the Council will act as a voice for local environmental concerns to those agencies given the statutory powers to tackle problems.

Transport

- The council will support and promote the use of footpaths, cycling and public transport.

Policies

- As opportunities arise the council will review its policies, procedures and contracts with the aim of minimising the impact on the environment.