

Swansea Canal Society



Cymdeithas Camlas Abertawe

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

1. Introduction

Swansea Canal Society is committed to minimising its environmental impact and promoting sustainability in all areas of its work. We recognise that our activities have an impact on the environment and aim to reduce this impact through responsible practices.

2. Our Commitment

We will:

- Comply with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations, in particular:

The Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2016 - sets out a way of working for public bodies in Wales to help ensure that the actions they take to improve quality of life today do not deprive those living in the future of the resources needed to achieve the same quality of life tomorrow.

The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 - puts in place the legislation needed to plan and manage Wales' natural resources in a proactive, sustainable and joined-up way. It covers but is not limited to Climate Change, Waste, Carrier Bags, Land Drainage and Flood Risk

- Promote sustainable practices within our operations and among our stakeholders.
- Continuously seek to improve our environmental performance.

3. Key Areas of Focus

3.1 Energy and Water Use

- Reduce energy consumption by using energy-efficient appliances and turning off equipment when not in use.
- Encourage staff and volunteers to conserve water and energy.
- Explore renewable energy sources where feasible.

3.2 Waste Management and Recycling

- Reduce waste by promoting digital communication and minimising paper use.
- Recycle paper, plastic, glass, and other materials where facilities exist.
- Properly dispose of electronic waste and hazardous materials.

3.3 Sustainable Procurement

- Choose environmentally friendly products and suppliers wherever possible.
- Avoid single-use plastics and prioritize reusable or biodegradable alternatives.
- Support ethical and fair-trade products.

3.4 Transport and Travel

- Encourage staff and volunteers to use public transport, carpool, cycle, or walk.
- Reduce travel emissions by using virtual meetings where possible.

3.5 Community and Awareness

- Educate volunteers and the community about sustainability.
- Partner with local initiatives to promote environmental action.
- Encourage supporters to adopt eco-friendly behaviours.

4. Implementation and Monitoring

- Assign responsibility for environmental policy implementation to a designated person or team.
- The society will discuss at one trustees meeting per year how our aims, vision and values intersect with climate breakdown (extreme weather events, heatwaves, flooding, droughts) and how to embed climate actions in our strategy.
- Include a statement in the annual report each year outlining discussions had around climate breakdown and any action taken, plus our aims for the following year.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

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