

Environment Policy

Covering LCC Office Operations

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Who We Are

The London Cycling Campaign (LCC) represents the interests of those who cycle in the capital and those who want to. We have 20,000 supporters of whom 12,000 are full members.

Our vision for London is a city where people of all ages and abilities can cycle safely and enjoyably, and we believe that making cycling the number one transport choice for everyday local journeys will generate immense quality of life, environmental, health and economic benefits for everyone.

We campaign for London's political leaders and decision-makers to remove the barriers that prevent people benefiting from the freedom and convenience that cycling brings, including by developing and proposing our own innovative solutions.

We also work in partnership with businesses, councils, community groups, schools and other institutions to directly promote cycling at the grass roots and across all London's communities.

Our Vision

Our vision is to transform our city into a healthier, greener and happier place to live, where anyone who wants to cycle can do so safely and enjoyably.

Our Mission

The London Cycling Campaign:

- **Campaigns** to make cycling safe and inviting for everyone
- **Supports** our 12,000 members
- Runs **projects** to promote cycling to and for everyone

Our Values

We believe in:

- A **better** London - one that is freed from over-reliance on motor vehicles and whose neighbourhoods and places are safer, greener, healthier and more vibrant as a result.
- A **globally-sustainable London** – one that plays its full role in averting climate change and preserving the global environment and the Earth's natural resources for the benefit of future generations.
- The **power of voluntary organisations** to advise decision-makers and hold them to account, and to deliver change at the grassroots.
- **Diversity and equality**, promoting both within the charity and across our work.

LCC's Environmental Policy: Statement of Intent

The London Cycling Campaign was born from London's environmental movement in 1978, and environmental imperatives remain core to our work. Meeting our charity's environmental and sustainability objectives is core to how we will pursue our charitable objectives. This policy is therefore **binding** on all LCC staff, trustees and volunteers.

We recognise that:

- **Climate change** is the greatest challenge faced by humanity and that it is essential to keep average global warming under 1.5 degrees C, as stated in the Paris Climate Change Agreement 2016 ¹
- Humanity is currently exploiting natural resources at an unsustainable rate and must quickly move to a **circular economy**, i.e. one in which waste is at an absolute minimum through being designed out of all processes and activities, and where humanity's use of the natural resources is regenerative ²
- **Pollution** must be eliminated. In particular (but notwithstanding other forms of pollution\ London's air pollution must be reduced not only to legal levels under EU regulations but within WHO guidelines ³
- The UN **Sustainable Development Goals** provide a framework within which environmental imperatives and social and economic goals can and must be pursued holistically ⁴

LCC's **current intention** is therefore to:

- *Minimise and ultimately eliminate **carbon and pollutant** emissions from the operations of our office and staff travel*
- *Minimise landfill **waste** from our office*
- *Minimise **consumption** – eliminating unnecessary consumption of energy, water, food and materials*
- *Maximise the sourcing of **refurbished** products and those made from **recycled** materials for office use, especially from **local** businesses and suppliers.*
- *Maximise the sourcing of low carbon/packaging **food and drink** by the office, including local/seasonal products where relevant)*

LCC's **longer term intention** is to:

- *Reduce carbon emissions, pollution and waste inherent in the procurement of equipment and services by the office*
- *Reduce carbon emissions, pollution and waste arising from the operation of LCC's Local (Borough) Groups*
- *Reduce unnecessary consumption by LCC's Local (Borough) Groups*

¹ United Framework Convention on Climate Change, [Paris Agreement](#), 2016.

² See for example the [Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#) definition.

³ [Greater London Authority](#).

⁴ [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#) homepage.

Resources

Green Office: A Guide to Running a More Cost-effective and Environmentally Sustainable Office,
by WRAP:

http://www.wrap.org.uk/sites/files/wrap/WRAP_Green_Office_Guide.pdf

Energy

Electricity

LCC will only use 100% renewable supply. Our current supplier is Ecotricity, which supplies 100% wind energy.

Heating

LCC will seek to purchase gas from a supplier that actively invests in decarbonising the supply of heat. LCC's current office is not connected to the gas supply and all heating is electric; as we have a pure renewable energy electricity tariff we are currently already zero carbon when it comes to heating and hot water.

Travel & Logistics

Business Journeys

LCC staff are expected to walk, cycle or use public transport when travelling on business.

Logistics

Zero/low carbon vehicles should be used for transportation of equipment (whether self-driven or via a service provider). Only in exceptional circumstances should petrol/diesel vehicle be used.

Office Functions & Operations

Consumption

Consumption of energy, water, materials and food should be minimised to that which is necessary. In particular computers, displays/screens and other devices should be switched off when not in use (with computers set to hibernate if not in use for more than one hour).

Equipment

Staff will be expected to source reconditioned equipment wherever possible (from IT to furniture), and/or equipment made of recycled material wherever possible. Where available they should be sourced from suppliers who provide an end-of-life refurbishment/recycling service.

Consumables

Consumables (e.g. paper) that have been produced from recycled materials should be used, other than in exceptional circumstances.

Printing

Staff shall procure printing services from suppliers who offer market-leading waste and pollution-minimisation process and use of paper, ideally from suppliers who use low carbon process energy.

Services

Preference should be given to service providers which actively observe environmental, sustainability and/or ethical policies in the work. Examples of this includes banking, auditing and ITC services.

Food & Drink

Food for events should be sourced from local suppliers, avoiding high embedded carbon (e.g. seasonal fruit rather than air-freighted out-of-season fruit), with particular attention paid to suppliers who offer low/recyclable packaging. Bottled water should only be used in unavoidable circumstances. Meat and fish should be avoided due to its high carbon footprint and for the same reason vegan should take precedence over vegetarian food.

Additional Documents

LCC Sustainability Procurement Procedure

LCC Sustainability Procurement Register

LCC Sustainability Procurement Checklist