

## Brockweir and Hewelsfield Village Shop Association

### Environmental Policy

This policy covers the Association, its committees, its staff and, so far as possible, its external users and suppliers.

The intention of this policy is to ensure that:

\*All activities undertaken and facilitated by BHVSA have the minimum negative impact practicably possible on the local and wider environment.

\*BHVSA reminds all existing and prospective members of its staff that each individual employee/volunteer has obligation to facilitate, promote and encourage the following environmental housekeeping policies.

\*To utilise the role of BHVSA within the local community to promote good environmental practice where this is practical and appropriate.

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<p><b>Building</b></p> <p>Check draft proofing as the oak frame dries.</p> <p>Regularly check existing energy efficient measures are working correctly</p> <p>Encourage shop door to be kept closed when heating is on. Possibly fit self closer.</p> <p>Undertake air tightness test</p>	<p>ongoing</p> <p>ongoing</p> <p>Feb '12</p> <p>May '12</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>MD</p> <p>MD</p>
<p><b>Power</b></p> <p>All electrical equipment used within the facilities will be where possible the most efficient available, provided that the costs lie within the efficiency/cost ownership premium calculation.</p> <p>Renewable energy sources will be installed where they meet the efficiency/cost ownership premium calculation or where grant subsidy is obtained to offset the difference.</p> <p>Operational procedures and practices will be devised to minimise energy use.</p> <p>Electricity use to be monitored monthly</p> <p>Fit Ecube on Chiller</p> <p>Supplier – check for competitiveness 6 monthly. Check for renewable credentials 12 monthly</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>Monthly</p> <p>Feb '12</p> <p>? june</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>AM</p> <p>MD</p> <p>MM</p>
<p><b>Heating</b></p> <p>Ground source heat pump to be turned off in summer.</p> <p>Monitor use of heating in rented offices</p> <p>When funds allow fit solar hot water to Café supply</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p>AM</p> <p>AM</p> <p></p>

<p><b>Lighting</b></p> <p>Replace lighting with functional (ie bright and warm) low energy units. Replace T8 with T5 lights (modern strip lights)</p> <p>It is important to light the shop adequately in order to display the produce well. However, there are good low energy bulbs available that pay for themselves within a year.</p> <p>Set a night time lighting protocol, and ensure low wattage on at night time.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>ongoing</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>AM</p>
<p><b>Refrideration</b></p> <p>Rationalise and turn off chillers and freezers when not required</p> <p>Try to replace old units with more efficient ones (aim for one a year)</p> <p>Sort non perishables into one chiller and put 7 day timer on it for day time use only</p> <p>Service condenser units. Check refridgerent.</p> <p>Apply full life assessment analysis whenever replacing white goods. Ie buy efficient units even if more expensive at the outset.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>? May</p> <p>ongoing</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>AM</p> <p>AM</p> <p>AM</p>
<p><b>Water</b></p> <p>All water utilising equipment will be of the most efficient design. Water recycling and rainwater harvesting equipment will be used where practicable. Operational procedures and practices will be devised to minimise water use.</p> <p>Fit low flow taps in cafe</p>	<p>May</p>	<p>MD</p>
<p><b>Transport</b></p> <p>Local goods and produce will be promoted in preference to goods carrying a high transport overhead.</p> <p>Encourage the use of cycling and walking to the shop</p> <p>Support informal delivery network that already exists to reach the housebound</p>		
<p><b>Waste</b></p> <p>Stocking policy will give preference to goods that have minimal packaging.</p> <p>All waste generated by the facility will be recycled where possible.</p> <p>The facility will host a local authority recycling collection point and promote recycling and re use within the local and wider community.</p> <p>Shop recycling and composting to be creatively communicated to ensure participation by community.</p>		

## **Landscaping**

The building design will be compatible with its location in an AONB and in keeping with the local natural and built environment.

## **Noise pollution**

It is recognised that in rural locations noise even at low and moderate levels has a significant impact on the quality and character of the environment. All reasonable efforts will be made to avoid activities that generate unnecessary and intrusive noise.

## **Light pollution**

It is recognised that in a rural location artificial light even at low and moderate levels has a significant impact on the quality and character of the environment. All reasonable efforts will be made to avoid activities that generate unnecessary and intrusive light pollution.

External lighting will be restricted to that necessary for security and reasonable amenity and minimised during sleeping hours.

## **Training undertaken by AM**

Set up a monitoring process for the Environmental policy to ensure that systems are updated, that appropriate training is undertaken, and that the policy is up to date with current practice.

Comply with current environmental legislation

Set aside time to train staff/volunteers.

- Use of lighting
- Draft proofing / heat loss through doors
- Use of water in the café
- Use of electrical appliances in the café
- Food waste issues
- Recycling issues

## **Ongoing**

Monitor new legislation relating to renewable energy tariffs, community shops, climate change levy, etc.