



South London Botanical Institute

Environmental Policy (version 24.3.21)

1 General Statement

In line with the SLBI's charitable objects, the organisation is committed to sustainable development (meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs) as a guiding principle within its work. Concern for the environment, including reducing the charity's carbon footprint, is an integral and fundamental part of this commitment. The SLBI declared a Climate Emergency in January 2020, as part of its continuing commitment to help protect the environment.

2 Reducing the impact on the environment from our operations

SLBI staff, wardens and volunteers will:

2.1 Promote responsibility for the environment within the organisation and as part of our educational programmes (for both adults and children as appropriate);

2.2 Reduce the use of energy, water and other resources where possible, ensuring all projects, activities and day-to-day work are run in ways which minimise resource usage;

2.3 Encourage digital communication (including building on our successful digital education programme developed in response to the Covid pandemic) and minimise paper and printer use in our office and administrative work;

2.4 Encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport as principal means of travel by staff, volunteers, members and other visitors;

2.5 Reduce the amount of waste created and where possible reuse, recycle or compost before other responsible disposal of waste; use recycled, recyclable, compostable or other ethically-sourced materials wherever possible;

2.6 Use local, organic, fairtrade or other ethically-sourced food products in our catering, both internally and for public events;

2.7 Protect natural habitats and encourage local wildlife and biological diversity in the SLBI garden and other outdoor areas where we hold activities;

2.8 Avoid or limit wherever practical the use of environmentally-damaging substances, materials and processes, such as the use of peat and pesticides in the garden;

2.9 Work with local, regional and national partners as appropriate to promote and encourage involvement in environmental initiatives/schemes;

2.10 Comply with all relevant environmental legislation/regulation;

2.11 Ensure that our policies and services are developed in a way that is complementary to this policy.

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Signed on behalf of SLBI Trustees:

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