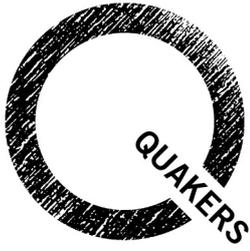


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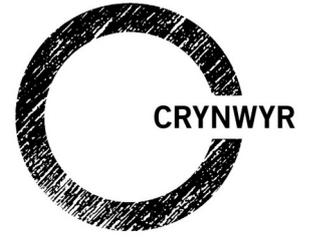
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The object of Southern Marches Area Quaker Meeting is the furtherance of the general religious and charitable purposes of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain in the area of Southern Marches Area Quaker Meeting and beyond.

Environment Policy

Date agreed by SMAQM Trustees: 20th July 2020

Date accepted by SMAQM in session: 19th September 2020

Date for Review: 2023

'We need to arrive at a place in which we all take personal responsibility to make whatever changes we are called to. At the same time, we need to pledge ourselves to corporate action. The environmental crisis is enmeshed with global economic injustice and we must face our responsibility as one of the nations which has unfairly benefited at others' expense, to redress inequalities which, in William Penn's words, are 'wretched and blasphemous.' (Quaker faith & practice 25.13).

Quaker concern for the Earth and the well-being of all who live in it is not new. It is deeply rooted in our faith. Early Quakers knew that to damage the earth just for human 'outward greatness' would be an injustice on future generations. We reaffirmed our commitment to act as a faith community in 2011 with the 'Canterbury Commitment' (minute 36 of Britain Yearly Meeting). This called on Quakers to act in new way, individually, as local communities, as a corporate body of faith, and politically. It recognised that the environmental crisis is enmeshed with global economic injustice and that tackling inequality is central to taking action on climate change. The Canterbury Commitment also makes clear that this is a spiritual task.

Southern Marches Area Meeting is committed to managing environmental impact as an integral part of its operations. In particular, it is our policy to ensure the environmental integrity of our processes and facilities at all times. We will do so by adhering to the following principles:

- 1) In caring for our properties we will promote biodiversity and encourage the wellbeing of the natural world.
- 2) We will employ systems and procedures specifically designed to minimize the use of hazardous materials, energy and other natural resources, to minimize the generation of waste, and to enable recycling and reuse of materials.
- 3) We will continually seek to improve our environmental performance in, but not limited to our usage of energy, water, paper and fuel consumption and vehicle miles travelled.

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4) We will promote participation and communication of our commitment and will encourage input from all Friends and others in meeting our environmental goals.

This policy was agreed by Trustees of SMAQM on 20th July 2020, Minute 20.31
Clerk of Trustees

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