

# Environmental policy for Prudhoe & District u3a

## Aims of this policy

- To support the committee of Prudhoe & District u3a to put processes and policies in place to ensure this u3a is run in a way that actively aims to limit any negative impact on the environment, and to have a positive impact wherever possible.
- To encourage members to learn and to share information about the ways in which human activities can contribute to waste, pollution and destruction of the natural environment and the climate crisis.
- For members to consider ways in which they can improve their local environment and minimise any adverse impacts.
- To encourage the u3a to include caring for the environment in its shared learning activities.

## Practical Measures

Please note that committee members and group convenors have an important part to play in supporting these measures during the activities of the u3a.

- Wherever possible incorporate environmental concerns into planning and decision making at both u3a and groups level, and raise unresolved issues for further background research in collaboration with the Eco Group.
- Arrange speakers on environmental topics for some monthly meetings.
- Encourage discussions (face-to-face and online) with members to seek their views on climate/ environmental issues, to counter misinformation and to encourage suggestions for measures which might be taken by individual members and by the u3a.
- Encourage travel to meetings and events by walking, car sharing and public transport where available. Group meetings involving travel should be planned and timed whenever possible to enable the use of public transport.
- All groups should consider the possible environmental impact of their activities .
- Wherever possible use crockery rather than disposable cups and plates for serving refreshments.
- Minimise waste and encourage repair, reuse and recycling.
- Encourage discussion of the climate/nature crises with others. Encourage members to engage with other local environmental groups on issues of mutual concern.
- Make this policy available on the u3a's website and draw members' attention to it. Include links to other relevant websites, including that of the national u3a 'Climate Crisis Group' and other relevant local and national organisations.

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Signed: F. Pullen

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