

## **The Bamford Community Society**

### **Environmental Policy**

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## 1. General policy statement

The Bamford Community Society Ltd is a registered society under the Co-operatives and Community Benefit Society Act 2014 and is owned by its members, the majority of whom are residents of the village of Bamford. The Society operates from the Anglers Rest site within Bamford village, in the Derbyshire Peak District and delivers various services for the benefit of residents of Bamford, the wider Hope Valley and visitors to the area. The BCS is a socially responsible business committed to commercial success whilst upholding the highest standards with regards to business operations. This policy forms part of those standards of good practice.

The BCS recognises that its operations have an effect on the local, regional and global environment. We aim to reduce our environmental impact and to operate in a responsible manner. We are committed to continuous improvements in environmental performance. Many environmental improvement initiatives also make business sense and are cost-effective.

The BCS is committed to continuous improvement in our environmental performance through:

- Meeting all applicable legislation and regulation
- Seeking ways of conserving energy and improving energy efficiency measures within the building
- Minimising environmental impact in all activities
- Reducing waste
- Recycling

The BCS is also committed to promoting efficient use of materials and resources through:

- Promoting environmental awareness among staff, members and customers
- Working with suppliers to apply environmental standards
- Encouraging the purchase of fresh, local, seasonal food
- Where practicable source goods and services locally to minimise transport impact.

## **2. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

The BCS Board of Directors will identify a lead person with responsibility for ensuring that the aims set out in this policy document are observed and monitored, together with taking responsibility for reviewing this policy.

The BCS Environmental lead person may be

- One of the Directors
- The Anglers Rest General Manager
- An environmental specialist or member with a specific interest in environmental issues appointed by the BCS Board of Directors

Our main areas of environmental impact, and the ways in which we will seek to reduce these, are as follows:

### **2.1. Energy and water Use**

The Anglers Rest is an historic building in a conservation zone and as such there are limitations on the external improvements that can be made to reduce energy and water consumption.

An energy and water efficiency audit was undertaken by an external consultant in 2016 and the BCS is incrementally implementing the recommendations.

Since 2014 the roof has been insulated, PIR controlled lights have been installed in the toilets, four old windows have been replaced with double glazed ones and solar panels have been installed. Energy usage has already been reduced by almost 30%.

As building work is undertaken, further energy efficiency measures will be incorporated, including increasing the number of double glazed windows.

### **2.2. Waste Materials**

The BCS seeks to improve waste management by reducing waste production, recycling or reusing as appropriate and disposing of waste in an environmentally safe manner.

The Anglers Rest already recycles glass, paper and cardboard and used cooking oil.

The site is used for waste paper and cardboard collection by the local school.

We will explore further opportunities to reuse and recycle materials, including the possibility of setting up composting for vegetable waste, for use in the kitchen garden.

Plastic straws have been eliminated and customers are able to refill bottles on request. We will seek further ways to reduce or eliminate single use plastic.

### **2.3. Procurement Policy**

Our purchasing policy makes a commitment to sourcing locally where possible, to minimise transport emissions, and seeking suppliers from outside the local area only if a local supplier cannot be found or represents significantly lower value. Currently around 60% of goods and services are procured from suppliers based within 20 miles.

Our food procurement policy is:

1. Aim to use food or drink that has been grown, raised or made in the Peak Park/High Peak.

2. Aim to purchase other food from local suppliers.
3. Purchase elsewhere (and preferably from within 30 miles) only if:
  - We can get the same quality at a lower price or
  - A better quality at the same or a lower price or
  - For operational reasons, e.g. volume or level of preparation
4. Where purchasing food produced overseas consider purchasing Fair Trade products (e.g. tea, coffee, chocolate).

Our beer procurement policy is:

1. Cask Ales to be purchased within the parameters of the CAMRA LocAle scheme (i.e. brewed within 30 miles)
2. Aim to purchase national brands through local suppliers.
3. Purchase elsewhere (and preferably from within 30 miles) only if:
  - We can get the same quality at a lower price or
  - A better quality at the same or a lower price or
  - For operational reasons, e.g. volume or specific requirement

We are developing a small kitchen garden to provide food directly to the kitchen and a cutting garden to provide fresh flowers for the café.

When purchasing new/replacement items of equipment, we will seek to purchase energy efficiency equipment.

## **2.4. Travel & Transport**

The BCS seeks to encourage access to The Anglers Rest by low carbon means of transport, having installed a set of bicycle racks, pump and tool station. Local bike hire and repair providers are listed on the website and leaflets are available from the information point.

Public transport timetables are displayed in The Anglers Rest and on the website.

## **2.5. Paper Use**

Whilst the BCS does not use large volumes of paper, we aim to reduce the environmental impact of printing by using recycled paper where possible.