

## **Shephed Word of Life Church – Environmental Guidelines**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure that we make best practical efforts to protect and care for the environment and the world which God has created and given us stewardship over, and to promote this practice amongst our Members.

### **Objectives**

We will endeavour, wherever possible, and within reasonable cost to: -

1. Encourage the use of sustainable environmentally friendly products and eliminate the use of environmentally exploitative products.
2. Encourage the most efficient use of materials by using renewable, recycled and recyclable products wherever possible.
3. Minimise the creation of waste and recycle or reuse materials.
4. Dispose of all waste through safe and responsible methods in compliance with the relevant environmental legislation.
5. Encourage the responsible use of energy throughout the organisation by conserving energy, improving energy efficiency, seeking to utilise safer energy sources and giving preference to renewable over finite energy resources wherever possible.
6. Source sustainable products and services locally wherever possible to minimise transport and environmental impacts.
7. Minimise the purchase and use of plastic and non-biodegradable products.
8. To offer electronic communication as an alternative to paper for those who are suitably equipped.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

SWoLC will: -

- Support and encourage contractors, suppliers and other partners to minimise their impact on the environment.
- Promote the importance of protecting the environment to the Membership within the church and in its activities.
- Encourage employees, volunteers and Members to adopt good practices to improve the environmental performance of the church and improve its impact on the environment.
- Be sensitive to the impact of church activities on the local environment.

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### Contact details

Frances Warren will promote the implementation of these guidelines and update the Trustees and Members where appropriate. She will also carry out periodic reviews to identify any areas where improvements can be made.

### Versions

This policy should be reviewed annually.

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