OUR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Woodside Park Synagogue endeavours to build awareness of the Torah's message concerning our responsibility to the environment by integrating the consideration of environmental concerns and impacts into our decision-making and activities. We will highlight the progress of our current environmental projects and actively encourage the congregation to become involved.

From time to time local leaders and other speakers will be asked to address the congregation, providing opportunities for members to discuss local and national environmental issues. We plan to organise environmental awareness-raising events (e.g. documentary/film evenings, discussion and debates) and become more involved with local conservation work.

Woodside Park Synagogue has made several changes to our synagogue's building and consumables with consideration for the environment.

Paper usage is reduced through double-sided copying/printing and digital distribution

Learning materials, texts and prayers are provided online (wherever possible) to reduce energy consumption.

Users of our premises are encouraged to minimise resource use.

Some of the energy supplied to our synagogue buildings is generated from renewable resources and/or charged according to our supplier's 'green tariff'.

There is some double-glazing in our offices and classrooms

Our Synagogue premises are fully double-glazed in our main sanctuary The lighting in our synagogue buildings uses a mix of LED bulbs and low energy bulbs in our main sanctuary, halls and offices and classrooms

In the event of the need to undertake a building/refurbishment project, our synagogue would insist that it be subject to a BREEAM or similar assessment to ensure best practice in sustainable building design, construction and operation. Recycling facilities are available through our community administration, for paper, glass, cans, plastics, fabrics, TerraCycle or similar.

It takes around 17 trees per ton to manufacture paper. We will therefore attempt to minimise the environmental impact of our services by reducing paper usage where possible.

Policy date

13.9. 22

Signed by

Chairman woodside Park Synagogue