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Environmental & Sustainability Policy

Diseworth Village Hall Management Committee is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment. It is committed to complying with relevant legislation and reducing the Hall's environmental impact.

Actions to reduce Diseworth Village Hall's environmental impact.

Diseworth Village Hall Management Committee will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions it takes on all its services and will seek to:

- 1) Make the most efficient use of energy, endeavouring to use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of its heating, lighting, plant and appliances. It will review its energy sources, appliances and energy efficiency with a view to causing the least environmental impact, monitoring consumption and eliminating excessive or unnecessary use. It will communicate to all users the means by which energy may be conserved, e.g. closing doors.
- 2) Minimise and, where possible, eliminate all forms of pollution; it will use biodegradable chemicals where possible and minimise the use of solvents and lead-based paints.
- 3) Minimise noise pollution. Users are reminded of their responsibility to the local community within the hire agreement and are encouraged to avoid creating noise, especially at night.
- 4) Use the minimum quantities of water possible in accordance with its activities and ensure that the water it uses is both supplied and disposed of in the purest condition possible. It will reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use by, for example, avoiding the unnecessary flushing of urinals when the hall is not in use. It will communicate to all users the need to conserve water.
- 5) Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. It will re-use and recycle materials as far as possible and, if this is impractical, will dispose of them by means which will have the least impact on the environment while conforming to statutory requirements. It will encourage all users to minimise waste, including the recycling of glass, aluminium and paper.
- 6) Ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects will be assessed and minimised. This will include, where possible, methods of construction which make best use of resources; designs which result in low maintenance and high energy efficiency; and the use of building materials from sustainable sources such as timber. It will encourage volunteers, hirers and users to use and operate the building correctly to conserve energy and minimise waste.
- 7) Promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment and participation in environmental issues, by raising users' awareness, and by information provision and open consultation with the local community.
- 8) It will seek, where possible, to purchase from local or regional suppliers, in order to maximise input to the local community and minimise carbon emissions from transport.
- 9) Protect the health and well-being of all users and visitors and improve and safeguard the quality of Diseworth Village Hall.

Monitoring and Review Diseworth Village Hall Management Committee will monitor, review and, where possible, improve performance each year with positive action on any areas of noncompliance.

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