




Environmental Policy

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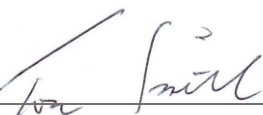
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Environmental Policy Statement

Seagate Church affirms that we have a responsibility to care for God's creation and we are committed to acting responsibly on matters of environmental concern. We want to embed sustainability in all of our activities and reflect on the environmental impact of all our decision making. We are registered with Eco-Congregation Scotland (www.ecocongregationscotland.org), a Christian environmental charity addressing climate change and conservation.

Seagate Church is committed to progressing the following objectives in all its locations; West Portland Street building, Café 141 and Meadowgreen Centre.

Awareness and Compliance

We are committed to:

- Promoting awareness within Seagate Church of these objectives and of the values underpinning them
- Ensuring that Seagate Church employees, Trustees and Elders are familiar with and implement this environmental commitment and these objectives
- Encouraging conversations within our congregation around ways we can reduce our carbon footprint and responding to concerns from the local community or other interested parties
- Ensuring that Seagate Church activities comply with, and where reasonably practicable, exceed all relevant environmental regulations

Energy and Water Conservation

We are committed to:

- Installing smart meters, where possible, and regularly reviewing data around energy usage
- Ensuring energy is used efficiently and wherever possible reducing its use (for example through loft insulation, double glazing, draught-proofing, zoned and timed heating & lighting, low energy lighting, thermostatic radiator valves, thermal/motion light sensors, energy-efficient appliances, smart scheduling of meetings/activities etc)
- Encouraging the increased use of renewable energy rather than energy generated from fossil fuels
- Using water efficiently and with care
- Preventing pollutants from entering the drainage system

Materials and Waste Reduction

We are committed to:

- Buying products which are made in accordance with the principle of using material in a sustainable way and using locally-made items where practicable
- Maximising the proportion of paper (including toilet rolls, hand towels) purchased from recycled materials
- Offering electronic communication as an alternative to paper
- Encouraging reduction, re-use, repair and recycling of materials
- Reducing the production of material waste, including food waste
- Working towards eliminating the use of single-use plastic
- Distributing food surplus
- Disposing of waste in a safe, responsible way

Transport

We are committed to:

- Making every effort to reduce harmful emissions and air pollution by avoiding unnecessary travel (for example, through use of video-conferencing for some meetings)
- Encouraging car-sharing or travel by public transport, cycle or on foot, where possible
- Assessing travelling distance before booking visiting speakers
- Working with suppliers to reduce multiple deliveries

The responsibility for implementing this policy lies with the Seagate Elders, Trustees and staff. The authority for implementation and governance relating to key environmental decisions lies with the Trustees.