

Stainton Institute Environmental Policy (Draft)

Stainton Institute is committed to promoting the protection and improvement of the environment.

As such the committee will strive to ensure that the environmental priorities identified will be incorporated, wherever practical and feasible in decisions taken and seek to make the most efficient use of energy. It will seek to use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient use of the buildings heating system, lighting, appliances and machinery. It will periodically review its energy sources, costs, appliances and energy efficiency with a view to improving its environmental credentials and ambitions to reduce the impact on the environment and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use.

It will seek to ensure and communicate to hirers and users alike how energy use can be conserved, e.g reducing underfloor heating, closing doors, effective use of heat insulating blackout roller blinds, closing windows and reducing lighting levels

All are examples which will contribute to lower energy use and impact the environment.

We will encourage those using the hall to walk or cycle and share transport wherever possible.

We will attempt to minimise where possible to eliminate pollution. Use biodegradable cleaning products, reduce or eliminate use of solvents. Institute users will be encouraged to avoid creating unnecessary noise and pollution, both light and by human, especially at night.

Use and reduce responsibly minimum quantities of water during activities and use of the hall building to help eliminate excessive or unnecessary use.

Encourage responsible recycling of waste and appropriate conservation and re- use of materials where practicable.

Help to raise and promote awareness, understanding and a responsible attitude towards environmental protection for all hall users.

Ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects will be assessed appropriately and minimise wherever feasible. This to include, where possible, methods of construction and materials, resources and designs which will result in lower maintenance and high energy efficiency.