

LANDS END PENINSULA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Environmental and Sustainability Policy

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Next Review: 12/09/24

Organisational statement

The Lands End Peninsula Community Land Trust (LEPCLT) is a charitable not-for-profit, limited company run by volunteers for the benefit of the people of the West Penwith Community Area Panel (CAP) and the Town of Hayle. The LEPCLT is committed to protecting and growing the natural environment and proactively managing its environmental impacts.

Objective of the policy

This Policy outlines our individual and shared responsibilities to ensure that the aims and objectives of this Environmental and Sustainability Policy are met.

Who needs to follow that policy / roles and responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that the environmental and sustainability policy is implemented. All trustees and volunteers share the responsibility of minimising the environmental impact of the LEPCLT, which includes considering current and future environmental issues.

Key legislation to be considered:

- [Natural Environment and Rural Communities \(NERC\) Act 2006](#),
- [The Environment Act 2021](#)

Key local guidelines and strategies to be considered:

- [Climate Emergency Development Plan \(DPD\)](#)
- [Planning for Biodiversity Guide](#)
- [Cornwall Nature Recovery Strategy](#)
- [Cornwall Biodiversity Action Plan](#)
- [Cornwall Council's Nature Recovery Strategy](#)

The Lands End Peninsula Community Land Trust's (LEPCLT) commitments towards the principles of Sustainability

Waste and Recycling

We will reduce the use of non-recyclable materials in our activities. Where this is not possible we will recycle following the correct procedures.

Rather than replace or dispose of broken or unused items of equipment, we will explore options for repair or repurposing them.

Energy and water

The consumption of energy and water is to be reduced wherever possible through responsible use and investment in more efficient technologies where appropriate.

When new products are to be purchased, their efficiency and energy consumption will be reviewed and factored into any decisions made.

Renewable energy technology will be installed where practical.

We will seek low-carbon energy suppliers where it is appropriate to do so.

Nature and wildlife

We will endeavour to protect wildlife on our projects and where opportunities to extend or create new habitats they will be encouraged. We will consider a partnership with other expert organisations to assist with this.

We will work to increase the abundance of pollinators by enhancing the habitat they rely on.

We will provide proven habitat improvements for the benefit of native species.

We will aim to minimise noise and light pollution.

Where pest control is required, we will endeavour to use physical repellents and barriers to prevent access.

Sustainable procurement

Before purchasing any office supplies, materials, equipment or other resources, we will investigate whether renting, repairing or sharing equipment is possible.

Where possible we will source goods and materials locally, thereby reducing emissions and positively influencing the local economy.

We will endeavour to work with the most ethical suppliers we can find and will continue to engage with them to promote environmental sustainability.

We will investigate the environmental impact and provenance of any equipment to be purchased, with a view to reducing this impact where possible.

Emissions and Transportation

The LEPCLT promotes and supports the use of modern office practices that do not require face to face meetings.

It also supports car sharing, cycling, walking and public transport for travel purposes.

Culture

All trustees and volunteers will be encouraged to promote the ideals and attitudes herein and will be provided with the necessary training to do so.

Monitoring and improvement process

We will review and update environmental objectives and targets on an annual basis.

We will be prepared to meet any future legislative requirements by remaining as resource-efficient and responsible as possible. Our members and future funders can be confident that they are supporting an organisation that is contributing positively to Cornwall’s environment.

Signed *Sue James*

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Position Chair Board of Trustees

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Date 10th December 2023

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