



INTRODUCTION - SECOND DRAFT

The Durham Climate Society has developed a college-wide Sustainability Policy. Our aim is to create a single memorandum document, produced and signed by all JCR/MCR/SRC Presidents and Environment Officers, to add to constitutions and provide clear direction towards net zero for all Colleges. The Policy includes net-zero targets and commitments, advice for making College activity more sustainable, specific details on areas such as events and College bars and wider proposals to suggest to the university itself.

Diversity of thought is essential for the success of this policy. It has been through a 20-day consultation period (20/10/22 - 11/11/22) where any Durham student or staff member could offer feedback and suggest changes. The Policy has been redrafted following productive feedback from PresComm, College Principals, the Sustainability Department, the GSEG Forum, College Environment Officers, and other members of the community. You can provide feedback on the Durham Climate website (<https://www.durhamclimate.com/policy-consultation>) until 2/12/22. We wish to thank all those who offered feedback and criticism throughout this process for your invaluable contribution towards improving sustainability across campus.

Following the consultation, we will circulate this Policy to be signed by all College Presidents and Environment Officers and other community members. Signing expresses individual support for the policy and a desire to integrate the policy into student Common Room constitutions where possible. Signing is not a constitutionally binding commitment. The Policy will then be voted into constitutions, in its entirety or with amendments.

We believe this document will pave a faster path towards achieving net-zero as a university and limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees. With your collaboration we can lead the charge towards making the University a greener and more sustainable place.

*Thank you,
Joe and Cosmo*

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COLLEGE SUSTAINABILITY POLICY - SECOND DRAFT

Introduction:

1) Overview

- a) The College Sustainability Policy supersedes any previously existing environmental Policy.
- b) The Policy is designed to be a single transparent memorandum which sets a clear direction towards net zero for all student common rooms.
- c) The Policy is formed of two sections and two appendices:
 - i) **Section A:** Focuses on specific student common room activities to reduce the carbon footprint of the common room and its students. This includes sustainable events, improving student's energy and water consumption, reducing food waste, and offering guidance on sustainable shopping.
 - ii) **Section B:** Advocates for further steps for the university to take to improve its environmental impact.
 - iii) **Appendix 1:** Resources for further reference
 - iv) **Appendix 2:** Resources for student sports and societies

2) Purpose

- a) The University's sustainability plan¹ includes detailed plans for reducing Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions (direct and indirect GHG emissions) as well as our Scope 3 emissions (value chain emissions).²
- b) Student activities such as purchased goods and services, events, transportation, and waste are responsible for large amounts of these Scope 3 emissions.
- c) Student common rooms have a unique role in supporting the futures of students and can make a valuable material impact on reducing their own carbon footprints and their student's carbon footprints. The policy provides guidance on developing more sustainable practices including:
 - i) Reducing emissions from events and other common room activities.
 - ii) Providing students with information on reducing individual emissions.
 - iii) Improving collection and publicising of carbon data to help students improve their footprints.
- d) The Policy offers a clear pathway to reducing student emissions and includes actions to be made by JCRs to reduce primarily scope 3 emissions.³
- e) The Policy also urges College and University management to continue their work to decarbonise our campus and advocates for specific measures to accelerate that process.^{4,5}

3) Process

- a) The Policy was originally designed and written by the Policy Officer and President of Durham Climate Society.

¹ <https://www.dur.ac.uk/greenspace/policies/strategic-plan/>

² See these for useful explanations of Scope 1, 2 & 3 emissions: <https://www2.deloitte.com/uk/en/focus/climate-change/zero-in-on-scope-1-2-and-3-emissions.html>; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_M5SYSC0dk&t=1s; <https://plana.earth/academy/what-are-scope-1-2-3-emissions>

³ In line with the World Economic Forum's suggested climate actions (p30): https://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_The_Net_Zero_Challenge.pdf

⁴ See above.

⁵ This can be measured by Durham's placement in university environmental rankings tables such as: <https://peopleandplanet.org/university-league> and <https://www.carbontargets.uk/unipage/university-of-durham>

- b) Diversity of thought is essential for the success of this policy. It has been through a 20-day consultation period (20/10/22 - 11/11/22) where any Durham student or staff member could offer feedback and suggest changes.
- c) Following productive feedback from PresComm, College Principals, the Sustainability Department, the GSEG Forum, College Environment Officers, and other members of the community the Policy has been redrafted to its current form. We wish to thank all those who offered feedback and criticism throughout this process for your invaluable contribution towards improving sustainability across campus.
- d) This second draft will be recirculated and go through a 10-day consultation period (22/11/22 - 2/12/22) before being finalised.
- e) Following this consultation, the policy will be signed by all those college Presidents and Environment Officers who wish to express their individual support for the policy, as well as any other community members who wish to express support.
- f) Once signatures have been collated, the Policy will be taken to each student common room to be voted into its constitution by its members.

4) Signing the Policy

- a) Signing the Policy is an expression of individual support, not a constitutionally binding commitment.
- b) Signing demonstrates a desire to integrate the spirit of the Policy into JCR activities and constitutions wherever possible.

5) Integrating into Constitutions

- a) Having signed, exec members (Presidents, Environment Officers, and others) should attempt to vote the Policy into their constitutions, either in its entirety or with specific sections amended to comply with constitutional requirements.
- b) Durham Climate Society will produce a document (to be labelled Appendix 3) with advice on how to integrate the document into constitutions and will collaborate with different colleges on specific integration as constitutional requirements vary especially between independent colleges and DSOs

6) Future updates

- a) This Policy should be annually updated as sustainable practices evolve.

7) Definitions

- a) “JCR” - Used as a general term for a student common room (JCR/MCR/SRC) of a college for ease
- b) “College” – The management team of a college including, but not limited to: The College Principal, Vice-Principal, Operations team, Catering team, Porters, Student Support staff and Housekeepers.
- c) ‘Sustainable practices’ – Practices which promote environmental and ethical values and do not deplete the planet’s non-regenerative natural resources.
- d) ‘Net zero’ – The reduction of college greenhouse gas emissions to ensure any carbon emissions are balanced by carbon removals.
- e) “Environmental responsibility” - The duty of the college and its community to protect its natural environment.
- f) “GSEG Forum” – A group of environment representatives from each college and the Sustainability Coordinator who meet during term time to discuss student sustainability.
- g) “Sustainability Department” – The Energy and Sustainability Team responsible for delivering the university’s environmental initiatives and activities

SECTION A: JCR SUSTAINABILITY ACTIONS

This section covers actions to be taken by JCRs to improve their carbon footprint and help students lower their carbon emissions.

1) Net Zero Pledge

- a) This JCR declares a climate and ecological emergency.
- b) This JCR commits to becoming net zero by 2030.
- c) This JCR will consider purchasing carbon credits (or similar) to improve its environmental impact once reasonable measures to decarbonise activities have taken place.⁶
- d) This JCR will work alongside College, other Colleges, the Sustainability Department, and the wider University to develop clear performance indicators for its emissions reductions targets. These indicators must be made easily accessible and obvious to the College's student body. These include but are not limited to regularly published (minimum monthly) data on energy, electrical and water usage, purchases and food waste.^{7,8}

2) Environment Officer

- a) This JCR commits to EITHER electing a full voting member of its executive committee as an Environment Officer according to their usual processes OR assigning responsibility for sustainability to an appropriate executive committee member (such as the vice president).
- b) The Environment Officer (or equivalent) shall Chair a sub-committee consisting of a Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and any other committee members that the Environment Officer requires.
- c) The Environment Officer (or equivalent) will be responsible for the implementation of the Sustainability Policy.
- d) They will also be responsible for:
 - i) Attending and representing the views of the JCR at regular meetings of the GSEG Forum with representatives from other colleges.
 - ii) Holding and attending termly sustainability meetings with appropriate JCR and College representatives to discuss improvements to sustainability in college.
 - iii) Promoting sustainable practices in college.
 - iv) Develop data recording processes for recording JCR carbon emissions alongside The Sustainability Department.⁹
- e) They may consider writing an annual environment report with assistance from appropriate executive committee members to be submitted to the JCR, College and the GSEG Forum. It could include:

⁶ Through Eden Greenspace (set up by Durham students): <https://www.edengreenspace.co.uk/>; or Ecologi: <https://ecologi.com>. Check credits are certified by globally recognised standards such as the ICVCM: <https://icvcm.org/the-core-carbon-principles/>. This article helpfully explains verification for the carbon market: <https://sustainability.yale.edu/priorities-progress/climate-action/verified-carbon-offsets>

⁷ Greenspace are developing a dashboard: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/greenspace/energy/monitoringandtargeting/>. Tred is a card which tracks CO2 emissions designed by two former Durham students: <https://tred.earth>

⁸ There are also methods for assessing individual footprints although these cannot be used to assess material emissions but do offer useful advice: WWF Carbon Footprint Calculator: <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>; Giki zero guide to a lighter carbon footprint: <https://zero.giki.earth>; National Geographic on carbon footprints: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/what-is-a-carbon-footprint-how-to-measure-yours>; Carbon Footprint Tracker: <https://mycarbonfootprint.spgroup.com.sg>

⁹ Greenspace are developing a dashboard: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/greenspace/energy/monitoringandtargeting/>.

- i) Collected data on food waste, transport usage, energy and water usage and emissions from JCR events
- ii) Suggestions on how a college can improve its environmental impact.

3) Developing Sustainable Practices:

a) Purchasing:

- i) All JCR purchases should be made with sustainability in mind and be carbon neutral where possible.¹⁰
- ii) Buy second-hand equipment instead of new equipment whenever possible.
- iii) Avoid purchasing single-use plastic and non-biodegradable products.
- iv) Consider using a Tred card or other technologies to track carbon emissions from purchases.¹¹

b) Stash:

- i) All clothing purchases should come from sustainable outlets which promote low-carbon practices.¹²
- ii) Consider running clothing exchanges, within and between colleges, to reduce waste and make clothing more accessible and affordable.¹³

c) College bar:

- i) This JCR strongly advocates the immediate end to the purchase of single-use plastic cups by the college bar and will work with the bar staff to find reasonable alternatives which do not drastically increase time spent washing up and which do not require excessive expenditure. These could include a pay in scheme where an extra £1 is spent on the first drink purchased and if the glass/reusable plastic cup is bought back a discount is offered on subsequent drinks. We do not recommend biodegradable cups as these have a worse footprint in county Durham than recycled single-use plastics.
- ii) This JCR also advocates for improved numbers and visibility of recycling facilities in college bars and will work with the bar staff to find methods for improving this.

4) Events and Activities

- a) All JCR events should be run in a sustainable manner where possible.
- b) Cease the purchase of single-use plastic cups and invest in reusable or biodegradable alternatives or operate pay in schemes as described in 4ai.
- c) Avoid using other single-use plastics. Purchase biodegradable alternatives whenever possible.
- d) Food options (whether catered or food trucks) should be sustainably and ethically sourced.
- e) Consider running events with entirely plant-based catering.¹⁴
- f) Ensure adequate recycling facilities are available.
- g) Re-use decorations where possible and ensure decorations can be recycled or reused following an event.

¹⁰ Ethical Revolution (useful advice on sustainable companies and consumption): <https://ethicalrevolution.co.uk>

¹¹ Tred is a card which tracks CO2 emissions designed by two former Durham students: <https://tred.earth>

¹² Climate conscious stash suppliers: <https://www.redbirdsupplyuk.com>; <https://www.stashcompany.co.uk>

¹³ See Castle Dresses for a great example of this: https://www.instagram.com/castle_dresses/

¹⁴ See P19-20 of the UN Sustainable Lifestyles Manual: https://www.unep.org/resources/toolkits-manuals-and-guides/sustainable-lifestyles-options-and-opportunities?_ga=2.226871960.428641343.1654670910-698941101.1654670910

- h) Ensure materials purchased for creating decorations are recyclable, biodegradable, or reusable.
- i) Strongly consider purchasing carbon credits to offset the calculated emissions of balls and events and include these in the ticket price.¹⁵
- j) Events committees should have a member responsible for sustainable practices.

5) Food

- a) This JCR advocates for reduced food waste from catered and self-catered colleges.¹⁶ Actions include:
 - i) Promoting the Love Food Hate Waste campaign to students.¹⁷
 - ii) Provide information to self-catered students to encourage food waste reductions.¹⁸
 - iii) For catered colleges: accurately tracking, recording, and displaying kgs of plate waste from meals on a weekly basis to encourage students to reduce food waste.¹⁹
- b) This JCR will promote low-emissions food choices (such as plant-based options) by:²⁰
 - (1) Providing information and recipes on affordable plant-based eating to students.²¹
 - (2) Provide information on purchasing food sustainably, whether from bulk stores such as Scoop or by making sure food is local, seasonal, ethical and minimises carbon emissions.

6) Providing Information

- a) This JCR will:
 - i) Encourage JCR members to walk, cycle or take public transport and offer information to assist with this.
 - ii) Promote zero-waste lifestyles by encouraging sustainable fashion and providing information on environmentally friendly outlets.^{22,23}

¹⁵ Through Eden Greenspace (set up by Durham students): <https://www.edengreenspace.co.uk>; or Ecologi: <https://ecologi.com>. Check offsets are certified by globally recognised standards such as the ICVCM: <https://icvcm.org/the-core-carbon-principles/>. This article helpfully explains verification for offsets: <https://sustainability.yale.edu/priorities-progress/climate-action/verified-carbon-offsets>

¹⁶ Food waste accounts for a large proportion of emissions: <https://ourworldindata.org/food-waste-emissions>

¹⁷ <https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com>

¹⁸ See <https://www.durham.gov.uk/lovefoodhatewaste> and see P17-18 of the UN Sustainable Lifestyles Manual for useful actions: https://www.unep.org/resources/toolkits-manuals-and-guides/sustainable-lifestyles-options-and-opportunities?_ga=2.226871960.428641343.1654670910-698941101.1654670910

¹⁹ 1kg of food waste roughly produces 2.5kg of CO₂ emissions:

<https://www.newfoodmagazine.com/article/153960/food-waste-climate/>

²⁰ See: Economist article on the environmental value of plant-based diets: <https://www.economist.com/graphic-detail/2022/01/28/if-everyone-were-vegan-only-a-quarter-of-current-farmland-would-be-needed>; 2010 Guardian article on the UN call for a global transition away from meat: :

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2010/jun/02/un-report-meat-free-diet>; Study demonstrating carbon emission reductions between meat and plant-based meals: <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/full/10.1021/es702969f>; KCL – Roots Café (plant-based) has been such a success that they have changed the menu across their entire campus to be 70% vegan. <https://www.veganrecipeclub.org.uk/vegan-catering/kcl-case-study/>; Study by Stanford University and the University of California Berkeley demonstrating necessity for global switch to plant-based diet: <https://news.stanford.edu/2022/02/01/new-model-explores-link-animal-agriculture-climate-change/>

²¹ Including https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/collections/plant-based_recipes; <https://deliciouslyella.com/recipes/>

²² Ethical Revolution (useful advice on sustainable companies and consumption): <https://ethicalrevolution.co.uk>; Action guide for sustainable living: <https://anatomyofaction.org>

²³ See Appendix 1, Fig.1

- iii) Promote sustainable energy and water usage including appropriate signage about turning lights off and timers in bathrooms to help save water.^{24,25}
- iv) Promote sustainable usage of technology.²⁶
- v) Encourage climate leadership by actively promoting environment and sustainability groups within and outside college.
- vi) Hold sustainability training sessions for both members of the executive committee and students.²⁷

7) Clubs and Societies

- a) JCR Clubs and Societies should take steps to reduce their own environmental impacts by:
 - i) Electing an environment officer OR assigning responsibility for sustainability to an appropriate executive committee member (such as the vice president).
 - ii) Ensuring stash comes from sustainable outlets.²⁸
 - iii) Checking items are needed and will be well used; offering exchanges so stash can be reused across years.
 - iv) Reducing waste where possible, especially from socials.

SECTION B: DURHAM UNIVERSITY WIDE ADVOCACY

This section advocates for specific University-wide measures to help rapidly decarbonise our campus.

- 1) This JCR encourages College and wider university to adopt more sustainable practices. These include but are not limited to: providing compost and food waste facilities, installing energy efficient light bulbs, installing insulation, installing renewable energy devices such as ground source heat pumps and solar panels, and improving recycling facilities across the site.
- 2) This JCR urges catering departments and central university catering to reduce emissions from meat consumption by reducing meat purchasing and consumption by at least 30% by 2030 as recommended by the UK National Food Strategy.²⁹
- 3) This JCR urges catering departments and central university catering to not purchase animal products produced by battery farms and other unethical farming methods.
- 4) Biodiversity:

²⁴ See for useful advice: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/lighting/>

²⁵ Use the Greenspace app to track energy and water usage: <https://mygreenspace.teamjump.co.uk>

²⁶ Such as switching to a sustainable browser such as Ecosia: <https://ecosia.co/durham>

²⁷ Such as the Carbon Literacy Project: <https://carbonliteracy.com>

²⁸ Climate conscious stash suppliers: <https://www.redbirdsupplyuk.com>; <https://www.stashcompany.co.uk>

²⁹ See: The UK National Food Strategy (<https://www.nationalfoodstrategy.org>) recommends that national meat consumption is reduced by at least 30% by 2032 (see Ch16, fig 16.1); University of Oxford study on meat consumption: <https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.aba7357>; Economist article on the environmental value of plant-based diets: <https://www.economist.com/graphic-detail/2022/01/28/if-everyone-were-vegan-only-a-quarter-of-current-farmland-would-be-needed>; 2010 Guardian article on the UN call for a global transition away from meat: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2010/jun/02/un-report-meat-free-diet>; Study demonstrating carbon emission reductions between meat and plant-based meals: <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/full/10.1021/es702969f>; KCL – Roots Café (plant-based) has been such a success that they have changed the menu across their entire campus to be 70% vegan. <https://www.veganrecipeclub.org.uk/vegan-catering/kcl-case-study/>; Study by Stanford University and the University of California Berkeley demonstrating necessity for global switch to plant-based diet: <https://news.stanford.edu/2022/02/01/new-model-explores-link-animal-agriculture-climate-change/>

- a. Work with college staff, grounds maintenance and the local community to achieve Hedgehog Friendly Campus - Gold Certification.
 - b. Work with college staff, the Sustainability Team, and grounds maintenance to promote higher biodiversity on college grounds through habitat creation, less intensive grounds maintenance and the installation of bird feeders and nesting boxes.
- 5) This JCR pledges support for student campaigning to reduce meat consumption including a Meat Free Mondays Campaign.

EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT:

To be signed by all those who wish to express their support for the policy and (if applicable) a desire to integrate the policy into their Common Room constitution where possible. Signing is not a constitutionally binding commitment.

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APPENDIX 1: Resources

- 1) Durham Sustainability plan:
 - a. <https://www.dur.ac.uk/greenspace/policies/strategic-plan/>
- 2) General Sustainability advice:
 - a. Use the Durham Ecosia link for a sustainable search engine:
<https://ecosia.co/durham>
 - b. UN Sustainable Living tips: https://www.unep.org/resources/toolkits-manuals-and-guides/sustainable-lifestyles-options-and-opportunities?_ga=2.226871960.428641343.1654670910-698941101.1654670910
 - c. UN Sustainable lifestyles in the workplace:
https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/27204/SustLifestyles_Work.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y
 - d. Action guide for sustainable living: <https://anatomyofaction.org>
 - e. Ethical Revolution (useful advice on sustainable companies and consumption):
<https://ethicalrevolution.co.uk>
 - f. Sustainable Development Goals:
<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>
 - g. Climate conscious stash supplier: <https://www.redbirdsupplyuk.com>
 - h. People and Planet University sustainability rankings:
<https://peopleandplanet.org/university-league>
 - i. Sustainability training: <https://carbonliteracy.com>
 - j. Students for Sustainability: <https://www.sos-uk.org>
 - k. WEF Climate action report:
https://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_The_Net_Zero_Challenge.pdf
- 3) Resources for Carbon Footprint calculating and tracking:
 - a. WWF Carbon Footprint Calculator: <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>
 - b. Giki zero guide to a lighter carbon footprint: <https://zero.giki.earth>
 - c. National Geographic on carbon footprints:
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/what-is-a-carbon-footprint-how-to-measure-yours>
 - d. <https://mycarbonfootprint.spgroup.com.sg>
- 4) Resources and information for reducing meat and plant-based living:
 - a. The UK National Food Strategy (<https://www.nationalfoodstrategy.org>) recommends that national meat consumption is reduced by at least 30% by 2032 (see Ch16, fig 16.1) for the environment, health, and animal welfare.
 - b. University of Oxford study on meat consumption:
<https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.aba7357>
 - c. Economist article on the environmental value of plant-based diets:
<https://www.economist.com/graphic-detail/2022/01/28/if-everyone-were-vegan-only-a-quarter-of-current-farmland-would-be-needed>
 - d. 2010 Guardian article on the UN call for a global transition away from meat: :
<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2010/jun/02/un-report-meat-free-diet>
 - e. Study demonstrating carbon emission reductions between meat and plant-based meals: <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/full/10.1021/es702969f>
 - f. KCL – Roots Café (plant-based) has been such a success that they have changed the menu across their entire campus to be 70% vegan.
<https://www.veganrecipeclub.org.uk/vegan-catering/kcl-case-study/>

- g. Study by Stanford University and the University of California Berkeley demonstrating necessity for global switch to plant-based diet:
<https://news.stanford.edu/2022/02/01/new-model-explores-link-animal-agriculture-climate-change/>

5) Fig.1:

SUSTAINABLE SHOPPING

For books/clothes/furniture etc, buying second hand...

CHARITY SHOPS

ONLINE

For second hand clothes: Depop.com, Vinted.com
For handmade crafts: etsy.com
For general resales e.g. bikes: gumtree.com, Facebook Marketplace, ebay.co.uk
For local eco household items: The EcoStall

APPENDIX 2: Sports and Societies

GENERAL SPORTS AND SOCIETIES SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

1. The club is committed to developing more sustainable practices to reduce its carbon emissions and environmental impact.
2. Socials should be run in a sustainable way to minimise waste and vehicle usage. Additionally, participants in socials should avoid purchasing single-use costumes and buy them from second-hand shops where possible.
3. Club members should be encouraged to use sustainable transport methods such as walking, cycling or using public transport to attend training and matches. Car shares should be used when these options are unavailable.
4. When considering club purchases:
 - a. All purchases should be carbon neutral or as environmentally friendly as possible.
 - b. Buy second-hand or recyclable equipment and materials wherever possible.
 - c. Avoid purchasing single-use plastics and plastic packaging and non-biodegradable products, including cleaning products.
 - d. Clothing / stash should come from sustainable outlets which promote low-carbon practices.

BAR SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

1. This bar is committed to developing more sustainable practices to reduce its carbon emissions and overall environmental impact.
2. When considering bar purchases:
 - a. All purchases should be carbon neutral or as environmentally friendly as possible.
 - b. Buy second-hand or recyclable equipment and materials wherever possible.
 - c. Avoid purchasing single-use plastics and plastic packaging and non-biodegradable products, including cups and cleaning products.
3. There should be litter and recycling facilities in the bar with clear signage.
4. When considering energy and water usage:
 - a. This bar is committed to reducing its energy and water usage
 - b. When not in use lights and sockets should be switched off.
 - c. When washing up, water use should be kept to a minimum.

BOAT CLUB SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

1. The club is committed to developing more sustainable practices to reduce its carbon emissions and improve its environmental impact. This is especially important for our sport which requires clean water and clean air.
2. When considering waste:
 - a. There shall be litter and recycling facilities in the boathouse with clear signage.
 - b. It shall be the responsibility of the boatperson to regularly empty bins and replace bin bags.
 - c. It is the responsibility of all members of the Club to pick up any litter from the boathouse, from the concrete space outside and from the landing stage.
 - d. When in the boathouse members should be mindful of reducing their own waste and the Club's waste. Where possible, materials used should be recyclable.

- Quantities of materials used, such as tape and paper towels, should be kept to a bare minimum and reused.
- e. Waste should not be thrown into the river and crews should make an effort to clean waterways when possible.
 - f. Organic waste should be composted where possible.
 - g. Posters, signage and other resources should be recyclable where possible.
3. When considering energy and water usage:
 - a. The Club is committed to reducing its energy and water usage.
 - b. When not in use lights should be switched off.
 - c. Sockets should be switched off when not in use. If a coxbox is already fully charged there is no need to leave it charging overnight.
 - d. Batteries (for ergs and other equipment) should be recycled when they are replaced.
 - e. When washing boats, water usage should be kept to a minimum and the hose must be switched off when not in use.
 - f. Crews should use sustainable transport methods to attend training and races . Additionally, crews should aim to reduce fuel and energy usage as much as possible (e.g. walk or cycle to training instead of drive and take trains/share cars to races).
 4. When making new purchases sustainability should be kept in mind. Items should be second-hand where possible. Cleaning products should be biodegradable. Try and purchase items without excessive plastic packaging.
 5. Clear and informative signage about sustainable practices should be displayed around the boathouse.

