

Corporate Environmental Policy Statement

The London Mathematical Society (LMS) is the UK's learned society for mathematics. Its purpose is the advancement, dissemination and promotion of mathematical knowledge, both nationally and internationally.

The London Mathematical Society recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and regulatory requirements. We are committed to reducing the environmental impact of what we do and how we do it, and to continually improving our environmental performance as an integral part of our business strategy and operating methods.

Responsibility

The Head of Conferences and Buildings is responsible for ensuring that this environmental policy is implemented, however, all employees, Trustees and volunteers have a responsibility in their area to ensure the objectives of this policy are met. This policy statement will be reviewed annually by Council.

Our short-term objectives are:

(these objectives primarily relate to energy, where there are some relatively straightforward improvements to make)

- Publish a corporate energy policy statement
- Reduce consumption of energy, including by:
 - Establishing detailed switch-on / off / standby procedures for operation of all equipment, systems and plant
 - Identifying all cost-effective energy efficiency measures
 - Specifying energy efficient design processes, and procuring energy efficient plant and equipment with low energy ratings
- Where possible, use energy from sustainable sources
- Building on the initial energy audit of 2020, implement a regular programme of energy audits and out of hours energy use assessments¹
- Set and check progress against performance improvement targets
- Establish an energy monitoring system
- Establish a budget for investing in energy efficiency
- Reduce water usage
- Reduce printing
- Minimise waste
- Review current recycling procedures
- Increase communication to staff, Trustees, volunteers and visitors about actions they need to take to reduce environmental impact at DMH
- Publicise the actions we are taking and the progress we are making to staff, Members, visitors and the outside world

¹ Out of hours energy use assessments allows wastage when the building is unoccupied (e.g. from equipment left turned on) to be gauged.

Our medium- and long-term objectives are:

- Commit organisational resources to energy management
- Continue to reduce our energy use and costs where practically possible²
- Review progress on a regular basis
- Give high priority to energy efficiency investments
- Consider life-cycle energy costs for all new building-related projects
- Factor environmental considerations into strategic discussions
- Consider the environmental footprint of the Society's activities more broadly. This could include for example
 - holding fewer in-person meetings and more virtual (or hybrid) meetings
 - incentivising low carbon travel via the Society's grant schemes
 - offering vegetarian food by default
 - requiring that the impact on the environment be considered in proposals for new areas of activity

We will address environmental concerns in all areas of our business including:

- **Leadership and Management behaviours:**
 - Define roles and responsibilities for energy
 - Establish clear reporting procedures
- **Procurement specification:**
 - Establish technical guidelines and consider life-cycle for new projects and refurbishment
- **Financial accountability:**
 - Establish ownership of energy, water, waste and recycling costs and invoice verification
- **Operational procedures:**
 - Integrate environmental concerns into all planning and design decisions and maintenance, and management of properties

Overall, we want to improve on past performance. We will:

- Reduce our carbon footprint
- Reduce the amount of energy and water used as much as possible
- Minimise the production of waste
- Implement an efficient recycling procedure
- Report regularly on our progress internally and in our Annual Trustees' Report

Endorsed by: *LMS Council*

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² Reviewing different ways to reduce energy consumption and maximise cost savings, prioritising these from highest to lowest saving. Solar panels are proposed in the 2020 Energy Audit, however, may not necessarily make a significant cost saving.