



## Canalside Community Food

a community supported agriculture scheme

### **Social Responsibility**

Canalside Community Food believes in the importance of protecting the environment from pollution and is committed to the use of sustainable resources and mitigating climate change. These principles are embodied in our support for organic production standards and in support for local food systems. It is therefore appropriate that the Canalside Community Food applies the same values to its operations as an organisation. The management committee live up to the values of the organisation, act responsibly and provide clear leadership at all times.

### **Environmental Policy Statement**

Canalside Community Food exists to develop a model for sustainable agriculture - Integrating Community and Agriculture. It's a community driven, fresh food production business committed to integrating environmental best practice into all its business activities. To achieve these objectives we will:

- Adopt best practice and assist, where possible, in developing innovative solutions to environmental issues;
- Recognise compliance with relevant environmental legislation as a minimum level of performance;
- Cut the amount of energy we consume by continuing to use energy-saving measures;
- Minimise the production of waste by means of effective waste management and recycling procedures, as well as disposing of unavoidable waste in such a way as to minimise its impact on the environment;
- Minimise paper usage whenever possible and paper that's either reused (i.e, used on one side), recycled or produced from sustainable forests will be used whenever possible, including when ordering printing from an external organisation;
- Wherever practicable, specify products from sustainable sources, products made from recycled materials or designed to be easy to re-use or recycle;
- Encourage awareness of, and commitment to, improved environmental performance amongst suppliers, customers and stakeholders;
- Participate in local discussions and events about environmental issues.
- These commitments are backed up by actively seeking opportunities for continuous improvement and raised awareness of environmental policy amongst customers and stakeholders.
- Collaborate with relevant organisations to actively promote CSA as a model of agriculture.

The management committee is responsible for ensuring that the environmental policy is communicated to all members of the CSA scheme and that the policy is regularly monitored and reviewed to extend its application to any area to where policy can be applied.

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