

## The SUN Network Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

### Environmental Policy

#### Statement

The SUN Network is committed to developing and promoting policies and practices which help to sustain the environment. We recognise and accept our responsibility to minimise our impact on the environment and to comply with all statutory environmental requirements.

We wish to promote environmental awareness amongst our Board members, staff and volunteers, and ensure that the physical environment is welcoming for everyone.

We also aim to minimise:

- The consumption of resources
- The production of waste
- Harmful emissions to air, land and water

To achieve these objectives at The SUN Network we will endeavor to take the following steps, while taking into due regard their appropriateness and cost effectiveness.

#### 1. Transport

We will limit the harmful effects of our traffic on the environment. When travelling to and from the Maple Centre and when attending meetings. All Board members, staff and volunteers are encouraged to walk, use bicycles, public transport or communal transport and are discouraged from the single occupancy use of private vehicles.

The covid pandemic has significantly changed our practice in terms of where we do our work. This has been positive in terms of reduced travelling by staff, however we are now at a stage where working from home and thus reducing car travel has to be balanced against the importance of in person time between the team and when team members are getting out and about in the community.

Unnecessary car travel will be avoided.

#### 2. Purchasing

The SUN Network wishes to conserve resources. Through our purchasing we will seek where possible, goods and services which do least harm to the environment in their production, delivery and packaging use, re-use, recycling and disposal. We will seek to purchase from local or regional suppliers which will maximise our input to the local community and minimise transport.

In terms of our office premises which we rent we will negotiate as necessary with our landlord so that heating and ventilation systems and other sources of energy use are as economical and environmentally friendly as possible.

#### 3. Waste Management

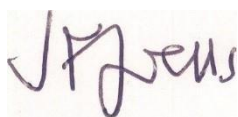
The SUN Network wishes to conserve resources by minimising our generation of waste. We will do this by reducing the acquisition of new materials, re-using materials, recycling existing materials and, if the former is impractical, disposal by a means which will have least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements. A designated bin for recyclable materials is available in the office and staff and volunteers are encouraged to reduce, reuse, and recycle wherever possible.

Printing of documents will be kept to a minimum.

**Approved by The Sun Network Board of Directors**

Date: January 2023

Signed:

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Jonathan Wells  
Chair of Directors

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Lois Sidney  
Executive Director

**Date of next review** – January 2026