

# Whole Again Communities Environmental Policy

Amended May 2019 to be reviewed May 2020

#### **Aims**

Whole Again Communities (WAC) is committed to using locally sourced produce from sustainable and ethically committed suppliers in all our soups and workshop activities. We are passionate about reducing our environmental footprint and will encourage all volunteers, staff and suppliers to work together to do this.

**WAC** is responsible for ensuring that our environmental policy is implemented. However, all volunteers and staff need to be aware that their efforts towards sustainability and environmental awareness will contribute to the successful achievement of our aims.

In general we will endeavour to:

- Comply with and exceed all relevant regulatory requirements.
- Continually improve and monitor environmental performance.
- Continually improve and reduce environmental impacts.
- Incorporate environmental factors into business decisions.
- Increase employee awareness and training.

#### Office Supplies

- We will minimise the use of paper in the office.
- · We will reduce packaging as much as possible.
- We will seek to buy recycled and recyclable paper products.
- We will reuse and recycle all paper where possible.

### **Energy and Water**

- We will seek to reduce the amount of energy used as much as possible.
- Lights and electrical equipment will be switched off when not in use.
- Heating will be adjusted with energy consumption in mind.
- The energy consumption and efficiency of new products will be taken into account when purchasing.

## **Transportation**

- We will reduce the need to travel, restricting to necessity trips only.
- We will promote the use of travel alternatives such as e-mail or video/phone conferencing.
- We will demonstrate and encourage the use of the WAC electric bike wherever possible

## **Maintenance and Cleaning**

- Cleaning materials used will be as environmentally friendly as possible.
- We will only use licensed and appropriate organisations to dispose of waste.

## **Monitoring and Improvement**

- We will comply with and exceed all relevant regulatory requirements.
- We will continually improve and monitor environmental performance.
- We will continually improve and reduce environmental impacts.
- Will incorporate environmental factors into business decisions.
- We will increase employee awareness through training.

**WAC** would like to thank all volunteers and staff for the efforts they have already made towards achieving our aims of sustainability and responsibility for environmental impact. We will regularly monitor and update our activities to continue to improve and celebrate our achievements.