

## FOREST OF BOWLAND AONB GREEN ACTION PLAN



Policy objective	action	target	responsibility	Completion date	NOTES
<b>1. Save energy</b>					
1.1 reduce our energy use	1.1a turn off lights, screens, chargers and printers when not in use 1.1b only fill the kettle with the water required 1.1c install energy saving light bulbs when replacing with new bulbs  Within the AONB: 1.1d encourage businesses (through GTBS & AONB sustainable tourism partner status), community groups and individuals to reduce energy use	As tenants, keep energy use as low as possible  The new base to be highly energy efficient, demonstrating good practice, and keeping energy use and costs as low as possible  Continued support for GTBS accredited businesses, aiming for 3 new accreditations annually	ALL  AONB Officer, within lease negotiations  HB	Ongoing  Ongoing	57 businesses accredited through support from the AONB. Now stands at 20 due to lapses.
1.2 encourage the installation of renewable and low carbon energy	Encourage uptake of the AONB renewable energy position statement and support sustainable building design and practice	Support at least one event per year relating to renewable and/or energy efficiency	ALL	Ongoing	

sources		Support work placement student in 2014 to carry out GIS renewable energy mapping exercise			
<b>2 Travel wisely</b>					
2.1 reduce the AONB Unit's car use	2.1a In order of priority: Walk or cycle Use public transport Car share  2.1b aim to reduce business mileage when planning meetings or site visits 2.1c work from home where possible	Continue to monitor staff travel and update the carbon reduction report  Investigate more efficient ways of managing travel to work	ALL CH	Annually	Monitoring of staff travel being carried out since 2009 to reach target
2.2 encourage partners and visitors to reduce the impact of car use on the AONB	2.2a arrange AONB events and walks with access to, and to coincide with timed, public transport wherever possible  2.2b encourage businesses to promote 'car free days out' to visitors by promoting local walks and cycling opportunities, providing bus and train timetables, suggested itineraries etc  2.2c encourage partners and visitors to use public transport via promotion and information links on our website and in all publications (and those of	Continue to support walks linked to public transport e.g. Bowland Rambler  1 business walking route produced each year  Reduce tourist traffic	ALL  HB  ALL	Ongoing  Annually  Ongoing	Links to public transport made wherever possible when producing walks  Several business based walks produced in partnership with the AONB  Through GTBS support, businesses given web support to add

	partners) and via familiarisation trips  2.2d investigate more sustainable options for travel around the AONB	Continue to support the Electric Bike Network and encourage further businesses to get involved  Carrying out research to find out number of electric car charging points within the AONB with a view to developing a network	HB/MP/BEx  HB	Ongoing  2014/15	public transport links and info to their websites
<b>3 Save our resources</b>					
3.1 Reduce, re use and recycle paper and other materials within the office	3.1a only print documents where necessary, printing double sided and multi page if possible; share large printed documents between users; use laptops if possible in meetings  3.1b reduce the printing of publications and publish on the web whenever possible  3.1c re use paper for notes, phone messages  3.1d recycle used paper and separate and recycle other materials	Monitor how much paper is ordered and aim to reduce this by 10% annually  Keep office waste to max 1 bin bag per week  Support development of electronic visitor information e.g. pdfs, interactive online maps, Apps	ALL  ALL	Ongoing  Ongoing	

	such as plastic, glass, tins and compost				
3.2 reduce our use of water	3.2a at existing office base install hippos and turn off dripping taps!  3.2c only use tap water in the office and at events/meetings and encourage our suppliers to follow our policy	Reduce water wastage  New office base to demonstrate good practice  No bottled water policy	ALL  AONB officer in lease negotiations  ALL		½ litre bottles added to toilet cisterns
<b>4 Purchase fairly and locally</b>					
4.1 purchase eco-friendly cleaning products	4.1a purchase eco friendly cleaning products and encourage businesses and partners to do so	No abrasive or polluting products to be purchased by the office	ALL	Ongoing	Products purchased
4.2 purchase fair trade and local products	4.2a provide fair-trade tea and coffee at the office and at events 4.2b stipulate local produce at AONB events, and promote suppliers to guests Within the AONB: 4.2c continue to promote local produce and producers to businesses and visitors 4.2d support local food events & festivals	Office to be able to continue to demonstrate good practice in purchasing  Web based Local Produce Directory to be updated and promoted regularly Attend and support 2 food related events per year Produce a real ale guide to Bowland in partnership with CAMRA	ALL  HB  ALL ALL  HB	Ongoing       2014	Products purchased      Directory of local producers updated regularly

	4.2e encourage our suppliers to buy local and fair trade 4.2f commission local products, suppliers and contractors in all our work, within LCC guidelines 4.2g encourage LCC to favour local suppliers	Local goods and service providers supported			
4.3 purchase recycled and FSC paper products	4.3a stipulate the purchase of, and promote the use of, recycled or FSC paper and vegetable based inks in all printing contracts  4.3b purchase recycled paper products for office use (within LCC procurement) 4.3c purchase other recycled goods where possible – eg stationery, bin bags	All publications to state use of recycled or FSC paper and vegetable based inks  Recycled goods purchased wherever possible in preference to non recycled	HB  ALL		
<b>5 Care for the AONB</b>					
5.1 conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the Forest of Bowland	Deliver the AONB Management Plan & Business Plan	Many actions to be delivered through the plans			
5.2 promote this environmental policy and encourage our partners, suppliers and visitors to adopt it	5.2a encourage the JAC to approve updated policy 5.2b encourage partners to develop and adopt similar policies where they do not already do so 5.2c promote this policy at our office base, on our website and in appropriate publications	Take to JAC in April 2014  Raise awareness of policy	CH  HB	April 2014  Ongoing	Plan adopted by JAC  Many businesses working with the AONB have produced their own environmental

	<p>5.2d continue to renew and progress GTBS accreditation for the AONB office base</p> <p>5.2e continue to promote GTBS, and the AONB sustainable tourism partner status to businesses and the Visitor Code to visitors to encourage others to reduce their impact on the AONB</p>	<p>Aim to support 6 new GTBS awards per year</p>	<p>HB</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>policies. GTBS award achieved for office in 2009</p> <p>57 businesses supported</p>
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