

Corporate Social Responsibility Policy



Sustainable UK Limited is committed to not only helping individuals, companies & organisations to become more sustainable, but also set the highest of standards with regards to balancing social, economic & environmental concerns/impacts.

Unfortunately it is not possible to do everything at once and therefore we have set out what we have considered, what we have currently achieved and what we will be looking at achieving in the future. If you have any suggestions regarding our Corporate Social Responsibility then please feel to join us on the Sustainable UK forum.

Action

Currently Achieved

Working Towards

Environment

<p>Defeating Global Warming</p>	<p>Measure the amount of carbon dioxide emissions that our actions are responsible for and then investing in projects which will absorb twice the amount of emissions, effectively helping to reverse Global Warming.</p>		<p>Have started a spreadsheet that will measure the emissions. Currently measuring from March 2005 to December 2006 will then invest to absorb twice the emissions.</p>
<p>Promote Renewable Energy</p>	<p>In order move away from reliance on Fossil-fuels and Nuclear energy, which have environmental as well as sociable issues.</p>	<p>Neil has a renewable energy tariff with Good Energy Ltd (100% renewable energy) and Jimmy has a renewable energy tariff with Ecotricity (around 20% renewable energy).</p>	<p>Will look at the possibility of having our website hosted by a company which uses either renewable energy or has a tariff which has a high percentage of renewable energy.</p>
<p>Reduce & Re-use Waste</p>	<p>The most important way to eliminating the environmental and social implications of waste is to Reduce & Re-use as much as possible.</p>	<p>When printing is required, it is done by double-sided and in 'draft' mode in order to reduce paper and ink consumption.</p>	<p>Look to purchase new software which will help us to construct, comment and edit material electronically without the use printing.</p>
<p>Support Recycling</p>	<p>Recycle all waste, where possible, resulting from Sustainable UK Limited's actions.</p>	<p>Both Jimmy & Neil have set-up comprehensive recycling for their households and this is where Sustainable UK waste heads into.</p>	<p>2007 might see Sustainable UK Limited involved with other activities. Planning for these activities will also include collecting waste and recycling it.</p>
	<p>Whilst taking into account all sustainable considerations, Sustainable UK Limited will, where possible, purchase products made up of the highest amount of recycled material possible.</p>	<p>Paper, envelopes, pens, envelopes re-use labels & card are made from a high percentage of recycled material.</p>	

Promote Biodiversity	Increasing the number of native plant species and local wildlife is an important part of keeping the planet's ecology running.		As we don't have an office of our own, it will be up to Neil & Jimmy to increase Biodiversity of their dwellings and gardens over 2007.
Promote Organic Produce	With the benefits organic farming brings to the countryside we will make it a priority (after fairtrade) to purchase organic products for Sustainable UK's meetings and events.		Over 2007 we will introduce more organic products to our meetings and events.
Energy-efficiency		Energy for Sustainable UK Limited's purposes is used within Neil & Jimmy's homes which continually work towards being as efficient as possible.	2007 might see Sustainable UK Limited involved with other activities. Planning for these activities will also include using energy as efficiently as possible.
Water-efficiency		Energy for Sustainable UK Limited's purposes is used within Neil & Jimmy's homes which continually work towards being as efficient as possible.	2007 might see Sustainable UK Limited involved with other activities. Planning for these activities will also include using water as efficiently as possible.
Transport	Transport can have a significant impact on society as well as the environment. Therefore it is important to avoid unnecessary travelling and when necessary, to travel as sustainable as possible.	Neil & Jimmy regularly communicate over the internet using web-conferencing software.	

Society

Promote Fairtrade Products	Where-ever there is a Fairtrade variant of a product we require for Sustainable UK Limited's duties and events then we will go with the fairtrade product.	Our General Meeting had Fairtrade coffee and cakes.	Our next General Meeting will include Fairtrade coffee, tea, sugar, biscuits and cakes.
Support Relevant Charities	Sustainable UK Limited will support one national and one international charity which provides an excellent service and promotes sustainability.		Identify two charities which we can support from 2007 onwards.

Economy

<p>Raising Revenue Ethically</p>	<p>Sustainable UK Limited will look to raise income in order to improve the service we provide. This will be done by promoting a company or organisations efforts to become more sustainable.</p>		<p>Set-up a minimum number of criteria which a company must adhere to in order to become certified by Sustainable UK Limited.</p>
<p>Ethical Banking</p>	<p>Ethical issues such as human rights are extremely important to promote and therefore we want to make sure that any money used by Sustainable UK 'behaves' properly.</p>	<p>Sustainable UK Limited's business banking is done through the Co-operative Bank, which has a very strong ethical and sustainable policy.</p>	
<p>Purchasing Sustainable Products & Services</p>	<p>Sustainable UK Limited can only truly become sustainable if the products and services it uses are also sustainable.</p>	<p>Neil has his telephone and broadband provided by the Phone Co-op, an ethical organisation also looking to reduce its impact.</p>	
		<p>In planning for the Sustainable Standard services we aim to provide next year we have purchased paper for the certificates. The paper is 75% post-consumer recycled paper and the remaining 25% from either banana plantation waste, coffee plantation waste, or elephant poo (no... really!)</p>	
		<p>Much of the other stationary we have purchased is from 100% post-consumer recycled material.</p>	