WIRRAL ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

environmental education charity "Working to reduce Wirral's Carbon Footprint"

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THE WIRRAL ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK CHARTER

Wirral Environmental Network is a non-profit, non-party political coalition of individuals, groups and businesses working together for a more peaceful, harmonious and sustainable society world-wide, and for a greater respect for nature and the environment.

We are bound together by the following aims:

1. To recognise and acknowledge the damage that we are causing to planet Earth; to change our lifestyles to reduce this damage; and by example encourage others to change theirs.

2. To reject the materialistic ethic that strives for more production and consumption at any cost.

3. To encourage a feeling of common responsibility for the planet; to work for justice, peace and the respect of nature world-wide; and to work for population stability.

4. To encourage more careful use of limited natural resources, taking more account of the needs of developing nations and the welfare of future generations; to refuse, restore, re-use or recycle goods and packaging wherever possible.

5. To work towards a truly healthy environment; to ensure that clean air, pure water, wholesome food, shelter, and security are available for all; to work for the eradication of hunger and avoidable disease; and to minimise pollution of all kinds.

6. To work for more ecologically sustainable land use through organic and low input farming and forestry; to seek greater diversity and sensitivity in crop production and animal husbandry; and to recognise and acknowledge that we are but stewards of the landscape.

7. To ensure access to the countryside; to protect it by limiting urban sprawl and industrialisation; and to improve the environment in our towns and cities, bringing life back to the inner areas by the proper use of land, now lying idle, for good houses and recreation areas.

8. To work towards a more peaceful society by the exchange of views and opinions with individuals and countries with whom we may disagree; and towards the resolution of conflict without recourse to arms.

9. To protect both wild and domesticated animals from abuse and exploitation.

10. To respect the spiritual nature and needs of the individual.

With these aims in mind, we pledge to work towards the creation and development of a permanent Green Centre in Wirral, with facilities for environmental and voluntary groups and for the creation and support of Green businesses, where, individually and collectively, we can demonstrate a new way of living, and bring about greater public awareness of these issues.

> "Change yourself, and you have done your part in changing the World" Paramahansa Yogananda

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