

Aims to 2020

At Diocesan Level

1. **A Diocesan Environment Policy** to be launched at Diocesan Synod in February 2018 *[achieved]*
2. The **Diocesan Environment Group** to develop and implement the environment policy in partnership with churches and other organisations. *[ongoing]*
3. The Diocese to be registered with **Eco Diocese** *[achieved Feb 2018]*
4. The Diocese to achieve Eco Diocese **bronze award** by end of 2018 and **silver** by 2019 *[ongoing]*
5. **Plan** for an annual celebration event/possible conference by 2019 *[Lead: tbc]*
6. St Edmundsbury Cathedral to register with Eco Church during 2018. *[Lead: tbc]*
7. St Nicholas Centre to be assessed and to achieve the necessary standard for Eco Diocese accreditation during 2018 *[Lead: tbc]*
8. Encourage Diocesan staff: *[Lead:tbc]*
 - a. Develop and adapt curriculum material concerning the care of God's creation through the **Ministerial Training Team** in Learning Together training, IME2, and CMD.
 - b. **Adopt** recognised environmental policies and best practice in their departments (e.g. reducing carbon footprint in travel plans).
 - c. **Adopt** recognised environmental policies and best practice on church owned buildings and land; including management of clergy housing and church buildings)
 - d. Give the **best environmental advice** to parishes and benefices
 - e. Ensure that **Diocesan investments** are managed in line with recommendations from the Ethical Investment Advisory Group. *[achieved 2017]*

Growing in Depth

9. **All those with preaching and teaching ministries** to be resourced so that they are equipped to speak out regularly, especially at key celebrations in the year, about the need to engage in caring for God's creation as a part of our discipleship. **Senior clergy and staff** to be briefed on significant developments in environmental issues as they arise so that they are equipped to comment publicly on the Diocese's position. *[Lead:tbc]*
10. **Encourage parishes** to consider environmental issues at key points in the year to reflect and learn about God the Creator and our responsibilities as Christians, to renew our minds and hearts through Diocese-prepared or adapted materials *[Lead:tbc]*

Growing in Influence

11. Develop a strategy for **biodiversity** on church land (e.g. through groups such as Caring for God's Acre, Suffolk Wildlife Trust etc.) and explore opportunities for church land being used for low carbon projects and activities. *[Lead: Sandie Barton]*
12. Encourage churches to sign up to the **Big Shift campaign** and adopt green energy supply across the Diocese – 10% of parishes by end of 2018 and 20% by 2020 *[Lead: Simon Snell]*
13. *Encourage and facilitate parishes to be* actively involved with other **green community movements**. E.g. Greenest County, farming community, other denominations and faith groups, Fairtrade and Transition Streets and Towns, community groups and energy schemes.
14. Develop a **Communications strategy** including interactive tools. This will be across platforms such as a Diocesan Environment Group Facebook page, Social Media, AONB newsletter, revamped Diocesan webpage and aim to share progress, stories, resources, and conferences. *[Lead: Andrew Dotchin]*
15. **Create and sustain** a network of '**Eco Church Champions**', one per Deanery, to help churches register for **Eco Church** and engage with caring for God's creation supported by regular news, materials and story-sharing. *[Lead:Simon Snell and Sandie Barton]*

Growing Younger

16. Encourage and facilitate parishes with the Diocesan Board of Education, to work with **Church schools** to learn the distinctively Christian reasons for caring for the creation. *[Lead: tbc]*