

**Lincolnshire Methodist District**  
**Environmental Policy - Action Plan**  
**Updated November 2025**

**GOAL: Lincolnshire Methodist District seeks to reach net-zero by taking action on things relating to work at District level whilst also seeking to support, encourage and resource circuits, churches and individuals which come under the umbrella of the District**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>What action needs to be taken</b>	<b>Who will take the lead?</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Action Needed</b>
<b>DISTRICT AS AN ORGANISATION</b>						
Create an environmental policy and keep under regular review	District Council agenda item	District Eco-Group/ District Officer with District Council	-	Next review Nov 2026	Policy agreed by District Council on 25th July 2024. Policy was introduced at District Synod on 14.9.24.	Review November 2026
Understand the carbon footprint of the District particularly by measuring mileage of District travel	Use a carbon measurement tool such as 360 Carbon	District Eco-Group/District Officer	-	Ongoing	Initial survey completed. Result is that travel is our largest use of carbon as a District	Keep under review
	Use surveys to measure carbon footprint of key meetings such as Synod	District Eco Group/District Officer	-	Ongoing	Measurement of miles travelled carried out at September 2024 and April 2025 Synods. Form created for use at other District Meetings	Calculate miles travelled to September Synod 2025
	Use findings of carbon measurement to plan further action such as: policy for when to meet in person, carbon off-setting etc.	District Eco-Group/District Officer	-		None to date.	Create travel policy. Encourage shared transport when car travel is only option

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Become a recognised Eco-District with A Rocha	Set up account and work through questions	Eco-Group			Registration complete. Bronze application being worked on. Donation of £200 sent to A Rocha	If successful share the news
Improve the carbon footprint of the District manse	Consider findings of the Energy Performance Certificate and plan action accordingly e.g. solar panels, insulation etc.	District Manse Secretary (Colin Faulkner)/Rev Angy Long and family	£12,000?		Idea has been raised at District Council and with Chair	Valuation of manse to see if there is scope for moving house
Appoint a District Eco-Champion (s)	Safer Recruitment process to be followed				Rev John Boardman and Mr Richard Britton-Voss appointed. Richard resigned July 2025	Seek a replacement for Richard plus others.
Create a fund and have clear criteria as to how this can be used	1.Apply to Connexion for the Connexional grant	District Officer		Ongoing	2 x Grant received 2025.	-
	2.Make decisions on the criteria for applications to the Connexional and District monies	District Resourcing Mission Group/ District Council and Eco-Champions	-	April to June 2025	Criteria and forms created and approved by District Council 18.7.25. Fund launched at Synod Sept 2025	-
Embed environmental Issues in ongoing training	Create opportunities to provide training	Eco-Group/District Council/Learning Network/LP Group	?	Ongoing but with target of one significant event in 2025/2026	Rev JB took worship resources to LP Training day. JB to lead input at LP day in April 2026.	Conversation about ongoing training opportunities
Celebrate environmental initiatives	Create regular news updates from District, circuits and churches	District Officer		Ongoing	Eco-Church awards and other initiatives reported on District website. First edition of District eco-newsletter created April 2025. 2nd edition Sept 2025	Write 3rd edition of newsletter. Continue to add stories to website

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Manage District Investments Ethically	Monitor current bank accounts and investments	District Officer	-	Ongoing	Current account with CAF, savings with CFB and investments with TCMP. All have high ethical and environmental standards	Encourage churches and circuits to check the environmental credentials of their bank accounts and investments
To encourage greater ecumenical action including promoting Eco-Church as a helpful tool.	Seek/Take opportunities to speak to circuits, churches, ecumenical groups etc.	District Eco-Group	-	Ongoing	Rev JB took part in Catholic event in Grimsby in 2024. RBV attended NKDC event. AG attended planning group for ecumenical conference	Continue to seek opportunities
Enable churches to carry out building improvements	Consider employing a part-time (2 days a week) Net-Zero Carbon Programme Enabler	District Eco-Group	£43,000 over 2 years	2025/2026	Costings complete	Introduce idea for discussion in District Council and District Resourcing Mission Group
<b>TO SUPPORT, ENCOURAGE AND RESOURCE CIRCUITS, CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS</b>						
Circuits to each appoint one or more Eco Champions	Role outline created	District Officer	-	September 2025	Role outline shared with each circuit	Remind superintendents/CLTs /Synod of this. Ask for agenda item for Circuit Meetings?

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	Bring Circuit Eco-Champions together for occasional meetings on Zoom for information and encouragement	District Eco-Champion		2025/2026	-	Encourage circuits to find suitable Circuit Eco-Champion
Every church and every circuit registred as Eco Church/Eco Circuit and progressing to an award	District and Circuit Eco-Champions to work with as many churches as possible.	Eco Group	Room hire, refreshments	2025/2026	Several church meetings have been attended by JB and RVB	Consider idea of events to help groups of churches complete their Eco-Church registration
To make the process of carrying out an environmental audit straight forward	Create a list of suitable professionals.	Eco-Group		2025/2026	Examples of audits on file	Speak to Diocesan colleagues
Provide worship resources	As above	Eco-Group				As above
Encourage behavioural change in individuals	Point people towards Connexional website. Challenge in preaching	Circuit Eco-Champions				As part of Eco Church application section 5