

# Cotteridge Quaker Meeting Environmental Policy

Adopted by Cotteridge Quakers minute 22/17

Advices and Queries from Quaker Faith and Practice:

*41. Try to live simply. A simple lifestyle freely chosen is a source of strength. Do not be persuaded into buying what you do not need or cannot afford. Do you keep yourself informed about the effects your style of living is having on the global economy and environment?*

*42. We do not own the world, and its riches are not ours to dispose of at will. Show a loving consideration for all creatures, and seek to maintain the beauty and variety of the world. Work to ensure that our increasing power over nature is used responsibly, with reverence for life. Rejoice in the splendour of God's continuing creation.*

Nationally Quakers made a strong corporate commitment to becoming a low-carbon sustainable community at the 2011 Yearly Meeting in Canterbury. Cotteridge Quaker Meeting affirms and owns this commitment. As Quakers we have a direct concern for the well-being of our neighbours and a responsibility to care for creation.

Cotteridge Quaker Meeting recognises that our actions as a meeting and as individuals effect the environment. We are aware of the importance of minimising climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution of the earth's soil, air and waters.

We agree the following aspects of our lives as Quakers are included within this commitment:

1. Our Worship, Learning and Spiritual Growth
2. Our Building and Property
3. Our Community and Global Engagement
4. Our Lifestyles

We ask a group of willing Friends to work with the meeting to help this policy come to life.