

Co-operative Assistance Network (CAN) Environmental Policy

In recognition of the importance of protection of the environment, CAN will endeavour to practice in its own workings, and encourage in that of others, the following practices:

1. Re-use of paper for internal documents
2. Recycling of paper deemed past re unless other direct costs become excessive in consequence bearing in mind use
3. Use of public transport that driving is always "dead" time whereas work can be done on trains.
4. Sharing of motor vehicles unless other direct costs become excessive in consequence
5. Meetings to be held close to public transport links
6. Work to be carried out at or near the customer's home/work place to minimise volume of people having to travel
7. Use of "the paperless office" e.g. electronic diaries, dial-in networking, e-mail, virtual document sharing and phone as methods of communication rather than paper where practical
8. Planning meetings in geographical proximity to occur within the same time frame in order to reduce unnecessary travel
9. Promote walking and cycling by members, employees, associates and clients.
10. Endeavour to have this agenda pursued within all projects where we contribute to design or delivery
11. Endeavour to educate all existing and potential project partners to develop and pursue an environmental policy introduce environmental policy development as an integral part of development work with co-operatives and community enterprises