

Carbon Neutral University Network CONSTITUTION

<http://carbonneutralshef.weebly.com/>

1. DEFINITION AND UNIVERSITY POSITION

1.1 The University of Sheffield Carbon Neutral University Network (CNU) is an open network composed of students, staff and members of the general public. The network is committed to encouraging and supporting the University of Sheffield to become Carbon Neutral by 2025.

1.2 The CNU is a volunteer run network and working group, rather than a Student Union affiliated society. The CNU works closely with the University, including by sitting on the Carbon Management Group.

1.3 CNUSoc (The Carbon Neutral University Society) is a CNU subgroup and Union affiliated student society. While CNUSoc members come to CNU general meetings and are encouraged to get involved in project work with any subgroup they choose, CNUSoc itself has a primary focus on promoting student interest and awareness of the issues surrounding the need for a carbon neutral campus and the methods by which this can be achieved. This focus on informing and on encouraging engagement and debate could perhaps incorporate energy issues at broader scales than the University campus.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

2.1 To encourage the University to become carbon neutral.

2.2 To engage the University community at all levels with the scientific motivation for a carbon neutral campus and with the solutions that could help achieve it, through informing, providing a platform for debate and campaigning (*see below*). In particular, to promote connections and interaction between students and staff, and between the University community and the public.

2.3 To support the University in finding and implementing solutions to help achieve carbon neutrality.

2.4 To hold the University to account, increasing visibility and transparency of University actions to cut carbon emissions.

2.5 CNUSoc is key to delivery of the above (particularly Aim 2.2). CNUSoc aims and objectives:

2.5.1 To educate and work with students on the importance of the university becoming Carbon Neutral and the methods by which this may be achieved.

2.5.2 To carry out campaigns to encourage the university to become a carbon neutral entity.

2.5.3 To meet and discuss the most effective way the university can become carbon neutral.

3. COORDINATION AND STRUCTURE

3.1 COORDINATION

The CNU and CNUSoc are coordinated by steering committees (*see below*).

Project work and events are primarily initiated and carried out by subgroups, but tracked and guided by the steering committee. Subgroups are themed working groups currently focussing on changing behaviour, buildings & energy efficiency and renewables & self-generation. New themes relevant to the aims and objectives laid out above can be added at any time if members are interested in pursuing these. Each of these theme groups has a lead member, who is also part of the steering committee.

As of January 2016 roles are as follows:

<i>Role</i>	<i>CNU</i>	<i>CNUSoc</i>
<i>Co-chair</i>	Christian Unger	Hannah Sewell
<i>Co-chair</i>	Rachael Treharne	Juliet De Little
<i>Co-secretary</i>	Nicholas Moody	Nicholas Moody
<i>Co-secretary</i>	Gwen Chimonides	n/a
<i>Co-publicity</i>	Stephen Folkes	Lizzie Jewitt
<i>Co-publicity</i>	Emily Vincent	n/a
<i>Treasurer</i>	n/a	Fiona Graham
<i>Behaviour Change Lead</i>	Caroline Verfuert	
<i>Buildings & Efficiency Lead</i>	Kassandra Ruess-Schmidt	
<i>Self-generation Lead</i>	James Parker	

3.2 MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the CNU is open to any student, member of staff or member of the public who is in broad agreement with the aims and objectives defined here. [Membership of CNUSoc is as above, subject to >50% of members being full members of the University of Sheffield Student Union.](#)

New members or interested non-members are welcome at all meetings, events and socials and are heavily encouraged to become involved with existing project work at any level/time commitment and to express and develop their own interests and ideas.

3.3 REGULAR NETWORK MEETINGS AND SOCIALS

Open meetings are held on the last Thursday evening of every month. Any new attendees are introduced to CNU background and activities, progress and feedback from the previous month is presented and there is an opportunity to raise any discussion points or questions. Subgroups then work on current projects or new ideas. Subgroups may hold additional meetings as-needed.

Weekly socials are held on Thursday evenings. These may include pub trips, coffee meetings or film screenings. **Please see separate document for details and examples of other activities.**

4. CNU FINANCES

4.1 CNU and CNUSoc do not charge membership fees.

4.2 [As a registered student society CNUSoc has received funding from the Student Union.](#)

4.3 Funding has been obtained on an as-needed basis for events (e.g. from Research and Innovation and from CO2Chem).