



GreenChristian

Green Christian potential new Local Groups Briefing, April 2024

Introduction

We offer our Local Groups two options:

- To be an officially recognised Green Christian Local Group, which will mean following the points set out in Section One **Green Christian Local Groups**.
- To become a group of individual green Christians who are not recognised as an official Green Christian Local Group. See Section Two **Local Groups of green Christians**.

1 Green Christian Local Groups

All Green Christian Local Groups are covered for public liability insurance provided:

- a) The group is known as “(town/region) Green Christian Local Group”, for example: “Colchester Green Christian Group”.
- b) The group is not insured by another organisation (for example, a Church or a Churches Together group)
- c) The “point of contact” is the authorised person, usually the person who submits copy to the Local Groups Co-ordinator for inclusion in the magazine and who is approved by the Green Christian Board. Contact the Local Groups coordinator.
- d) A Risk Assessment (RA) is carried out on all events and kept on file by the authorised person. The RA form provided to each group includes examples of activities which are not covered. Confirmation should be sought by the Local Group regarding whether an unusual or dangerous activity is covered. In in doubt please contact the Local Groups co-ordinator. Generally-speaking, advising our insurers is enough evidence for them to continue cover without an extra premium.
- e) For major events, a budget is prepared and held by the authorised person and submitted to (the Local Groups co-ordinator and the Admin Convenor who will store it on the google drive).
- f) Small amounts of cash are held by the authorised person. No bank account may be opened. Large transactions should be conducted via the Green Christian Treasurer.
- g) If a Local Group has a presence at a “third party” event or venue, the Local Group’s authorised person should request the Green Christian insurance policy and convey it to the third party. Be aware that some local authorities require a £10million coverage not the usual £5million.
- h) Copy and pictures for inclusion in the magazine should continue to be submitted to Isobel, using the correct name of the group.
- i) Local Group events should be self-financing. However, in some circumstances, Green Christian may decide to subsidise a local event, upon receipt of a budget and an

explanation of the event and why a grant is requested. Any unbudgeted loss arising from an event is the responsibility of the Local Group.

- j) The General Data Protection Requirements mean that if you choose to publish photographs – either locally in your own publication, or in the GC magazine, you ought to obtain permission of those appearing in the photograph. This specifically applies to children. Photographs need to be credited with the source.
- k) Green Christian Local Groups may use the Green Christian logo. The logo must not be changed in any way. The Local Group can then identify themselves in any material they put out with some additional text. Eg type the local group name as headings for press release or copy on their website. Eg town/region Green Christian Local Group

2 Local Groups of green Christians

It may be that some Local Groups do not wish to abide by the listing above. In this case:

- a) The group should be known by any name except “(town/region) Green Christian Local Group”, as for example “Sheffield Green Christians”. They cannot be known as a Green Christian Local Group.
- b) The group will need to organise its own insurance coverage.
- c) The group may still be able to get occasional grant funding from Green Christian through an individual Green Christian member who is organising a project with this group of Green Christian supporters.
- d) If a Green Christian Group would like to become a Green Christian Local Group, this is to be welcomed – and it would be required to abide by the conditions in section 1 above.
- e) Copy and pictures for the magazine should still be sent to Isobel with the correct name of the group.
- f) Local Groups of green Christians will have to design their own different logo for their own use. They would not be able to use the official Green Christian logo.

Conclusion

The above schedule sounds onerous but is meant to be helpful. The need to be compliant and comprehensive these days cannot be overstated. We hope all our groups will continue in some form.

If you decide to form a group, whichever option you choose, you are welcome to reach out to all Green Christian members in your area, and also find other Local Groups for mutual support and encouragement. Contact Richard Kierton, the Green Christian Membership Secretary, at: membership@greenchristian.org.uk

The current post holders referred to in this briefing can be contacted at:

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