

# Sustainability reporting in Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts



Meeting for Sufferings is keen to encourage progress to becoming a low carbon, sustainable community. In 2018 it endorsed the following guidance to Area Meetings (MfS/18/07/17):

“Meetings are encouraged to include a statement on their actions on sustainability in their Trustees’ Report, specifically:

1. What activities and progress they have made in becoming a low carbon community, and what future action is planned.  
This might include actions to:
  - a. deepen Friends spiritual engagement with the sustainability commitment
  - b. strengthen Meetings’ sense of community around the commitment
  - c. support Friends to develop sustainable ways of life
  - d. develop low carbon and sustainable premises and core practices
  - e. work for policy and system change
  
2. Each Local Meeting could choose at least one measure of energy consumption / greenhouse gas emission that they will track for several years to monitor and motivate progress. The Trustees’ Report would then include for each LM at least the current and prior year’s consumption/emission.  
Measures that could be chosen include:
  - a. The energy consumption of the meeting house
  - b. The travel footprint caused by LM activities
  - c. The total carbon footprint of individuals or LMs
  
3. Since Quaker Stewardship Committee was laid down in 2022, Quaker Life Central Committee (QLCC) is requested to report annually to MfS on the extent of sustainability reporting in Area Meeting Trustee Annual Reports.”

Some Guidance is provided in the climate and economic justice section of the BYM website: [www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/climate-economic-justice](http://www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/climate-economic-justice)

Lis Burch, Clerk, Britain Yearly Meeting Sustainability Group, and Ursula Fuller, Clerk, Quaker Stewardship Committee wrote to area meeting clerks and clerks to AM trustees in September 2018:

We hope you are already encouraged to act to improve sustainability seeing this as a joyful expression of Quaker witness. Transparent reporting will help improve both accountability and sharing of initiatives across the society. So do start to consider what you would like to see in your 2018 Trustees’ report, and what local meeting measures you will adopt. Talk to your local development worker about any further support you need.

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