

Motion from ISMs – Co-operative Sustainable Solutions

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This Meeting believes that co-operatives and co-operation should lie at the heart of solutions to improve the sustainability of our planet. We are rightly proud of the leadership position The Co-operative Group has taken in this field as we look to achieve lasting change for the benefit of our members, colleagues and customers, and for the communities we support here in the UK and across the world.

To build on this momentum we should harness the wealth of knowledge, passion and talent on sustainability issues that exists across the co-operative movement. Therefore, we call on the Board to work in partnership with our independent society members and the wider movement to create sustainable solutions that deliver change in a way that is demonstrably co-operative and collaborative.

More information on our motion:

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The sustainability announcements made in Spring by our Co-op are industry leading on a global basis. They include a commitment to work in partnership with all parties including government, suppliers and even competitors to reduce the carbon associated with the manufacture and sale of food. We always want to support and engage with other co-operatives and we have had an active discussion with our largest Independent Society Members to share the ambitious plans we have announced and to see where we can work together to drive this critical agenda forward. Our current focus is on delivering against our comprehensive commitments. We know not all will want to do the same thing, and that we may not all want to move at the same pace, but our commitment to work collaboratively with Independent Societies remains with particular focus on how we reduce our carbon footprint and maximise the social value that can be created through our offset triage programme.