



# British Cardiovascular Society

## Environment and Sustainability Committee (Responsible Trustee and Chair: Vice President for Professional Society and Values – Dr Abhishek Joshi)

The British Cardiovascular Society (BCS) is a membership organisation with charitable status. The BCS is the voice for all those working in the fields of cardiovascular care and research in the UK; we aim to represent and support both the professionals who work in cardiology and the patients for whom we want to encourage the best possible treatment. Our mission includes enhancing and maintaining the highest standards in training, education and research for the benefit of patients and to be the primary source of professional advice and advocacy in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

The Environment and Sustainability Committee is a new Committee which will act as an advisory body to the BCS Executive and Board of Trustees, making recommendations and proposals to the Operational Executive Committee and Board in relation to BCS environmental Sustainability activities, initiatives, and future plans, aligned to key strategic goals.

The Environment and Sustainability Committee will lead on and develop initiatives that promote sustainable cardiology. Its remit includes delivery of activities pertinent to these principles and it seeks to promote activities pertinent to environment and sustainability.

The committee will work closely with other BCS committees, including the Programme Committee and the Education Committee, as well as with the BCS Operational Executive to ensure that BCS values cross-cut all activities, that these activities are joined up and cohesive, and that sustainable principles are considered appropriately across all work streams.

Elected members are expected to attend committee meetings and actively engage in the work of the committee between meetings, leading on activities and initiatives as directed by the Chair.

The Environment and Sustainability Committee will meet bi-annually via Teams with much of the work being conducted by sub-groups in the intervening periods by email and other digital communications. At least 75% attendance is expected for meetings and email work combined. Elected members serve a term of three years.

Committee members report to: Chair of the Environment and Sustainability/Vice President for Professional and Society Values.

The VP for Environment and Sustainability reports to: Operational Executive Committee (operational) and Board of Trustees (sets and approves strategy).

Eligibility for standing: In order to stand for elected posts on the BCS Environment and Sustainability Committee, applicants must be Ordinary or Affiliate Members of the BCS.

