

SPIRIT OF TENTERDEN

Environmental & Sustainability Policy

Aims and Intentions

In the planning, organisation and management of our event we understand our responsibility to protect the local, as well as the wider, environment. Our aim is to deliver an enjoyable event without negatively impacting the environment or community as well as following, where possible, best practices with regards to sustainability.

In order to achieve this we need the support of all of our stake-holders and we think this is best achieved by having a 3 year plan by which we bring people with us on a journey from aspirations and intentions to embedded good practice whilst acknowledging that we are operating within a very limited budget (without using this as an excuse to limit our endeavours).

The areas that we will be initially focussing on are as follows:

Waste

a) Suppliers/contractors/providers/stall holders:

It is part of our standard event contract with all contractors and stall holders that it is their responsibility to remove self-generated waste and ensure it is disposed of in an appropriate manner.

We continue to look favourably on those suppliers/contractors/providers/stall holders who have made recycling part of their day to day operation.

In the longer term we aim to find a waste contractor, affordable within the budget or through sponsorship/grant, who will be able to recycle all event generated waste.

b) General public

At present we are unable to source a contractor, affordable or otherwise, who can supply (collect and dispose) a range of units that can meet event requirements as well as our recycling targets

Discussion with TTC needs to take place with the aspiration that the normal site (and nearby) provision dovetails with the objectives of the event.

Energy

a) Suppliers/contractors/providers/stall holders

We continue to look favourably on those suppliers/contractors/providers/stall holders who are using sustainable natural resources as a base for their power source

In the longer term we aim for all energy used at the event to come from sustainable natural resources.

Short term single use items (generally plastic based)

All of our suppliers/contractors/providers/stall holders will be informed that we discourage the use of short term single use items unless they are fully recyclable (or compostable)

Over the next 3 years we intend to move towards a mandatory non-use of short term single use items at our event unless they are fully recyclable (or compostable).

Other Areas of operations and activity

On going consideration of any other areas whereby we can better work in harmony with the environment

- a) Drinking water – we intend to discuss with TTC how we can work together to ensure that there is safe (and tested) drinking water available to all on site
- b) Catering seasonally, sustainably and locally: The 3 year plan is to move all of our catering provision towards providers who make every effort to address at least one of these targets
- c) Event infra-structure – it is the intention of the organising group to ensure that all items of infra-structure, including advertising, are procured with sustainability and longevity fully in mind.

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