



Sandwich Folk & Ale Festival – Environmental Health Policy

Sandwich Folk & Ale Committee are passionate about ensuring the Sandwich Folk & Ale Festival remains as environmentally friendly as possible and we aim to be frugal with resources, minimise our impact on our environment and are committed to utilising environmentally friendly products & services where possible.

Our main environmental impacts:

Materials use in office activities, production, and marketing.

Waste created through office activities, production, and marketing.

Carbon emissions from travel (including acts/staff/volunteers/suppliers).

Waste created during the festival (cups/packaging).

Key environmental commitments:

The Committee will endeavour to research and gather further advice for environmentally friendly solutions when available and to ensure that festival plans include the following key measures:

All disposable products must be biodegradable or upgraded to reusable where possible.

Rubbish/waste must be managed & controlled (for example: additional commercial waste services, volunteers to litter-pick, providing waste & recycling bins for public use).

Where possible, entertainment & acts to be sourced locally to reduce carbon emissions and fuel impact.

Where possible, suppliers to be sourced locally to reduce carbon emissions and fuel impact.

Work with staff in the festival team to reduce our use of resources (concentrating on energy and waste) and avoiding travel (encouraging Skype and teleconferences) or using zero or low-carbon modes of travel (walking, cycling, journey sharing, using public transport).

Work with our colleagues in Dover District Council & Sandwich Town Council to identify actions to reduce our environmental impact across the whole festival.

Work with our Marketing Supplier to reduce the environmental impact of our printed materials (paper and inks), replacing printed with online communications where possible, minimising use of energy for storage, downloading, streaming and/or online reading for digital communications and reducing transport for printed materials.

Work with our artists to encourage the use of low-carbon modes of travel and support of environmentally friendly hotels and cafes/restaurants.

Encourage our audience to use low-carbon modes of travel, support environmentally friendly hotels and cafes/restaurants, recycle and re-use when at the festival (refilling bottles rather than buying new, choosing food suppliers who focus on sustainability, recycling rubbish).

We aim to raise awareness of environmental issues and promote more sustainable behaviour in general during the festival, communicate our commitment to environmental issues and provide practical guidance and support wherever possible.

Responsibility & Policy Review

This policy is reviewed on an annual basis by the Sandwich Folk & Ale Committee.

The Policy, Environmental Impacts, and Key Commitments are informed by feedback produced from the festival annually.

It is reviewed and updated on an annual basis and approved by the Committee at the AGM.

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Richard Harris

Chairman

Sandwich Folk & Ale Committee

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