



Environmental Sustainability Policy

Stomping Ground is committed to taking responsibility for minimising the impact of its activities on the environment and increasing people's connection to the natural world.

The key points of this strategy are:

- ! Minimise waste by reducing, reusing and recycling all of our materials and equipment where possible when running activities, events or projects.
- ! Actively promote a sustainable approach to the use of resources to our participants, clients and stakeholders.
- ! Source and promote the use of products that help to minimise the environmental impact.
- ! Sourcing local products wherever possible for use during our activities, events and projects, including consumables such as food.
- ! Meet or exceed all the environmental legislation that relates to the delivery and operation of **Stomping Ground**.
- ! Ensuring financial investments made are environmentally and ethically sound.
- ! Undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment for sites we use and have different strategies in place to minimise impact (see procedures for details).

Procedure

Practical guidelines for the implication of **Stomping Ground** Environmental Policy

Re-use wherever possible by trying to find a second life for items especially paper and promotional stationery. Scrap paper will be used in printers, for taking messages and for writing notes or draft copies of documents. We are committed to the re-use of envelopes and packaging where possible.

Recycle - All paper, card, glass, tin will be recycled. Food waste will be composted. Toner cartridges and inkjets will also be recycled. We will use/support social economy organisations to recycle materials as appropriate.

Stomping Ground will **buy recycled**. We will endeavour to switch all publications and general admin papers to 100% post-consumer waste recycled papers, any additional purchasing costs

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will be balanced against reduced consumption. When purchasing other items of office equipment recycled options will be considered.

Stomping Ground will seek to purchase **fair-traded and environmentally sound goods**. In particular sourcing of refreshments for meetings, training and events should wherever possible be purchased from local suppliers to reduce food miles (preferably within the social economy). If possible food should be organic, fruit and vegetables should be in season and tea, coffee and other products (e.g. chocolate biscuits!) should be fair-traded wherever possible. Any wood products purchased should carry the Forestry Stewardship Council logo as a minimum but local supplies should be sought first.

We will ensure that **Stomping Ground** holds our **bank account** with an ethical bank.

Stomping Ground will promote the use of cycling, walking as the main means of **travel** to local meetings, and use public transport where systems allow efficient use. For journeys that require the use of a car, car sharing will be encouraged.

Stomping Ground will undertake an **Environmental Impact Assessment** (EIA) for those sites where activity takes place if the activity:

- ! Takes place for more than 8 sessions or 16 hours on the same site
- ! Takes place on a designated site (eg SSSI, NNR, SWS)
- ! Takes place at the same time as the emergence of specific species or impacts on limited habitat

We will follow any measures put in place by landowners/managers.

Environmental Impact Assessments will identify any mitigating factors and a plan for implementation.

Where a site does not have a written EIA then common sense precautions will be taken for the good of the environment. This might include moving location of activity to avoid trampling plants, choosing of fire sites to minimise impact, making sure areas do not become over trampled if wet and muddy, bringing in resources where appropriate to avoid diminishing the resources on site and following a leave no trace policy.