

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

AGREED JULY 2023
REVIEW DATE JULY 2024



Food Friends acknowledges the connection between the climate and other environmental crises and the threat of current and future homelessness, disease, food and water shortages and poverty for millions of people around the world, as well as the major damage being caused to our natural eco-systems.

We therefore recognise our responsibility to reduce our carbon and environmental footprints and formally commit to being an environmentally responsible charity.

Food Friends will involve staff and members as much as possible both in implementing this policy internally, and in disseminating information externally about its progress in improving environmental standards. We will do this by making our policy publicly available on our website and by making it clear in our new staff induction process.

To take this forward Food Friends commits to the following actions:

1. All staff contracts will include a clause stating that staff will be expected to help Food Friends in carrying out its aim of being an environmentally responsible organisation, in how they carry out their day-to-day duties.
2. Induction procedures for new staff will include information on the charity's environmental practices.
3. Food Friends will encourage sustainable forms of travel for their staff and volunteers, seeking to reduce unnecessary travel and making the transport that is necessary as sustainable as possible.
4. Food Friends will only procure sustainable office stationery and ensure any disposable plates, cutlery and cups used at events are biodegradable and composted.
5. Food Friends will ask all our current and future suppliers for their environmental policies and for evidence of implementation of such policies and indicate that such performance will be used as criteria for supplier selection.
6. Food Friends will seek to have relevant environmental clauses included in any future contracts agreed with outside bodies.
7. Food Friends will observe existing environmental legislation as a minimum standard and seek to out-perform current legislative requirements where practical.