

SCRP Environmental Policy Report    Review Progress on work on our own estate June 2021-June 2022

Item	Comments, examples
<p><i>Governance</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This environmental policy will be publicly available on our webpage and will be made available to all staff, board members and volunteers. This is a live policy, and all staff will be encouraged to contribute new ideas that will have an environmental benefit.</li> <li>2. We will designate an Environmental Champion within the staff team who is responsible for ensuring all staff and volunteers are aware of their environmental duties within SCRП and that appropriate monitoring is undertaken. Our present environmental champion for the CIC Board is Director Mike Goodman. Our current staff champion is Catherine Simmons.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (i) Updated policy placed on website, with staff contributions, and examples of good work provided for consideration for Board. (ii) Climate change targets are identified as part of the SCRП Strategic and Management Risk Register (Item 13) The Staff &amp; directors workshop planned for January 2023 will focus on how the SCRП will collectively mitigate these risks and follow these themes through in the Business Plan Review.</li> <li>2. Valuable contacts have been forged with Network Rail Sustainability Team. The result has been diversity improvements at Robertsbridge and Etchingham. The establishment of good working relationships will enable further projects across the SCRП network.</li> </ol>
<p><i>Our buildings and operations</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All staff will be responsible for ensuring that energy and water are used efficiently in SCRП buildings. This will include ensuring that lights and equipment are turned off when not in use.</li> <li>2. We will conduct a yearly environmental audit of our offices and will identify energy and water saving measures which can be installed. This could include energy efficient lighting, heating, and cooling controls,</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Health emergency and advice to work from home has prevented this from being done systematically. A recent audit of office space has prompted a review of how space is used and maintained. Re-cycling and waste disposal systems in place.</li> <li>2. As above. IT equipment has been upgraded and new equipment purchased. Line officer based at Lewes takes responsibility for making sure standby mode is not used.</li> </ol>

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<p>modernising IT equipment, water efficiency measures, such as water saving taps.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. We will significantly reduce our use of printed materials. We will ensure that all paper used is recycled. Printers will be set to black and white printing as standard.</li> <li>4. We will recycle all paper and where practicable, all other office waste products, including ink/toner cartridges, mobile phones, and other office equipment.</li> <li>5. We will endeavour to stop using all single use plastic products (such as plastic cups) within our offices.</li> </ol>	<p>Virtual meetings have encouraged more people to working from screens. However, this is balanced with ensuring everyone is able to participate and paper copies may be the preferred option for some people.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Significant reduction in printing – from £900 in 2019-20 to £300 currently. Black and white printing as appropriate. Annual Review print run reduced, educational resources no longer laminated</li> <li>4. Recycling system set up. Need to gather old phones and re-cycle.</li> <li>5. Staff tend to use reusable cups and sustainable water bottles. Meetings at Lewes and refreshments could be better organised but access to washing up facilities can be an issue especially with the potential for attracting mice.</li> </ol>
<p><i>Staff travel</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We will strongly encourage the use of public transport and low or zero emission travel by staff wherever practicable.</li> <li>2. We will offer incentives for staff to travel in sustainable ways including participation in the tax-free bike scheme supporting Active Access for Growth and other initiatives.</li> <li>3. We will reduce the need to travel by using virtual meeting technologies such as Teams &amp; Zoom where appropriate</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Predominate travel is by train use of car now notified in advance on most occasions – usually only if transporting heavy materials or if there are significant gaps in service.</li> <li>2. Line officer Windsor to Reading rides her bike between stations, organised bike repair workshops and supports Reading Riders cycling group who use line on wellbeing cycling rides.</li> <li>3. Zoom licence renewed and extended, attendance at meetings has risen and many steering groups opting to alternate between in person and meeting via Teams/Zoom. Equipment installed at Lewes Station to facilitate virtual meetings.</li> </ol>

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<p><i>Events</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We will take reasonable steps that the environmental impacts of our events are as low as possible.</li> <li>2. We will limit the use of single use plastics at our events.</li> <li>3. We will ensure that wherever possible all food and drink that are served at events include vegetarian, fair trade and where possible be locally sourced and seasonal.</li> <li>4. Wherever possible we will ensure that waste produced from our events will be re-used or recycled.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Venues chosen to ensure accessible by active travel modes and follow up on environmental themes. Examples include Garden event at Farnborough North planned to encouraging people to limit car journeys; steering group meeting took place at Rye Harbour NNR. Venue for Arun Valley meeting took into account hybrid meeting facilities and ability to access venue by connecting bus from Crawley.</li> <li>2. Plastic giveaways no longer in use, replaced by two children's books and paper based activity packs.</li> <li>3. We source local produce and support local businesses eg Folkington juices, independent coffee carts at events</li> <li>4. We now have access to the recycling points at Lewes and Rye stations. Waste recycled or taken home for recycling from meetings/events</li> </ol>

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<p>We will seek work our station partners to ensure that where possible, building materials used for station enhancement and/or renovations are recycled materials.</p>	<p>Lewes</p> <p>Bishopstone</p> <p>Rye/Ham St</p> <p>Ore</p> <p>Eridge</p> <p>Lancing</p> <p>Sussex Coast</p> <p>Angmering</p> <p>Farnborough North</p> <p>Battle/Wadhurst/High Brooms/St Leonard's/Rye/Winchelsea</p> <p>Reading</p>	<p>Recycled bee hive as a bug hotel (donated by The Bee Friendly Trust)</p> <p>Renovations of the building include retention of original doors/woodwork etc.</p> <p>Recycled wood planters created by Men in Sheds.</p> <p>Old planters renovated for reuse.</p> <p>Waiting room furnishings sourced from local hospice furniture restoration project.</p> <p>Men's shed re-used materials for community garden.</p> <p>Remembrance Poppies made from recycled materials.</p> <p>Valentine's Day Hearts made from re-cycled materials</p> <p>100 pallets up-cycled into benches, tables and fencing. Volunteers used recycled materials and locally sourced drought resistant plants and peat free compost.</p> <p>Peat free compost, drought tolerant planting, encourage bee friendly wildflower planting and rewilding of areas for example in station car parks with reduce mowing</p> <p>Biodiversity and species advice taken from High Weald AONB, Sussex Wildlife Trust and 'Wild about....' Groups</p> <p>WI Jubilee Frieze re-purposed for floor vinyl.</p>

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Waste materials produced from railway renovations will be re-used or recycled where possible.	<p>Bishopstone Dorking/Deepline/Farnborough North</p> <p>Redhill Buxted</p>	<p>Potential for reuse of materials as renovations begin Old sleepers used to build vegetable and fruit planters</p> <p>YMCA re use plastic art project. Planters made from re-cycled materials</p>
We will prioritise use of materials from local providers to minimise the impact of transportation.	<p>Rye/Ham St Ore/Rye/Appledore/Robertsbridge/London Rd/Lewes/Bishopstone/Seaford Glynde/Bishopstone Farnborough North</p>	<p>Local Men in Sheds group used to build planters. Local nurseries used to source plants. Use of local forge for sign metalworking. Local supplier donated disused planters to make planters, benches, fencing – material miles – 50 yards</p>
We will encourage planting of shrubs at stations to sequester carbon and improve local air quality.	<p>Battle/Wadhurst/High Brooms/ St Leonards/Rye/Winchlesea</p>	<p>Peat free compost, drought tolerant planting, encourage bee friendly wildflower planting and rewilding of areas for example in station car parks with reduce mowing</p> <p>Biodiversity and species advice taken from High Weald AONB, Sussex Wildlife Trust and 'Wild about....' Groups</p>

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<p>We will work with station partners so that vegetation planted will be able to adapt to a changing climate and will be drought tolerant.</p>	<p>Seaford/Bishopstone/Newhaven Harbour/Lewes/London Road/Crowhurst/Robertsbridge/Battle/Apple dore/Winchelsea/Ore</p> <p>Farnborough North &amp; Wanborough Ton – Reigate Angmering and West Worthing</p> <p>All</p>	<p>Station partners funded and assisted to source drought tolerant plants from local nurseries. Alternatively wild species tolerant species used for example at Ore/Rye/Appledore/Falmer/Lewes/Moulsecoomb/Newhaven Harbour/Seaford</p> <p>Some areas left to re-wild, Biodiversity project at Wanborough. Plants chosen to be tolerant of drought.</p> <p>Partnership with Southern Water installation of water butts with Southern and Network Rail.</p> <p>Attend rail industry conferences and workshops , encourage rail companies to highlight work of volunteers.</p>
<p>Seaford to Brighton Marshlink 1066 Hastings to Tonbridge, North Downs Line/SWR, Sussex Coast, Arun Valley, Uckfield- East Grinstead, Ton-Reigate Windsor to Reading</p>		

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