

Forest of Hearts Environmental Policy

The Forest of Hearts takes seriously its responsibility to running events in a sustainable manner by minimising the impact on the environment and reducing the carbon footprint of its team and visitors. The Forest of Hearts is committed to minimising pollution and improving its performance and through the following measures we will:

- Comply with relevant environmental legislation and industry codes of practice, in particular the **Copenhagen Sustainable Meetings Protocol** of 2009 <http://www.e-pages.dk/visitdenmark/467/>
- Actively seek the views and act upon the concerns of interested parties such as venues, stakeholders, local residents and businesses, guests and customers to improve our environmental performance.
- Supply **climate friendly food** which is locally sourced, in season produce which is organically grown. Minimise food waste and use as little processed food as possible. Use Fair Trade suppliers for all beverages and avoid plastic bottles of water.
- Improve access via **public transport** links and encourage all guests to use the services available.
- Encourage **virtual participation** by supplying live streamed presentations and handouts and use augmented reality to support learning in order to minimise unnecessary use of paper. Use technology and video-conferencing in order to increase access to those who wish to attend but not to travel.
- **Minimise energy use** and use of raw materials to minimise waste and recycle all plastics, aluminium, paper, card, glass etc.
- Encourage a **“No give-ways – give it away”** policy by avoiding give-aways that just get thrown away and donating the money that would have been spent to charity
- **Set objectives and targets** to drive continual improvement programmes and review our environmental performance annually to ensure success.
- Ensure that all staff and associates are aware of this policy and trained in their environmental responsibilities.
- Make this policy available to our customers and the public on our website.

This policy will be implemented within the framework of an environmental management system designed to meet the requirements of BS EN ISO 14001.

Signed: C Longden, Position: Founder, Forest of Hearts: Date: 12th October 2022

Monitoring of Environmental Policy

This policy is reviewed on an annual basis. This policy was adopted at the Meeting of FOREST OF HEARTS's Directors held on 12th October 2022 will be reviewed in 2024.