

Tyne Valley MTB – SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Tyne Valley MTB is committed to promoting sustainability. Concern for the environment and promoting a broader sustainability agenda are integral to all aspects of the club's activities and the management of the club. We aim to follow and to promote good sustainability practice, to reduce the environmental impacts of all our activities and to help our partners and sub contractors to do the same.

Tyne Valley MTB recognises that all aspects of its activities and practices will effect sustainability issues.

Our Sustainability Policy is based upon the following principles:

- Reducing impact of travel
- Minimising consumption of energy and other resources
- Taking environmental factors into consideration in all procurement activity
- Reducing, re-using and recycling waste wherever possible
- Ensuring compliance with all relevant environmental legislation
- Increasing awareness of sustainability

In doing so, we will also seek to operate in a socially and ethically responsible manner.

The club will seek in all its activities and those of its sub contractors to address the above principles in the following ways:

Transport

- Walk, cycle and/or use public transport to attend meetings, site visits etc, apart from when the alternatives are impractical and/or cost prohibitive.
- Avoid physically travelling to meetings etc where alternatives are available and practical, such as teleconferencing or efficient timing of meetings to avoid multiple trips.
- Reduce the need for unnecessary travel
- Car share will be encouraged for travel to all meets

Energy and other Resources

- Reduce the energy consumption of office equipment by purchasing energy efficient equipment and turning off all

equipment when not in use (e.g. not leaving equipment on stand-by).

- Where possible purchase electricity from a supplier committed to renewable energy.

Procurement

- Ensure that all office stationery is from sustainable sources and where available will use recycled materials
- Ensure that timber furniture, and any other timber products, are recycled or from well-managed, sustainable sources and are Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified.
- Purchase fair-trade and/or organic beverages.

Waste

- Minimise use of paper and other office consumables, for example by double-siding all paper used, reusing envelopes, and identifying opportunities to reduce waste.
- As far as possible arrange for the reuse or recycling of office waste, including paper, printer cartridges, other computer supplies and redundant equipment.

Awareness

- When working with partners and sub-contractors we will require information on their sustainability policies and seek to ensure that they are in line with ours.