

Bankside Open Spaces Trust Sustainability Statement



Bankside Open Spaces Trust recognises that we are in a Climate Emergency.

Bankside Open Spaces Trust has reviewed and updated our Environmental Policy to create an all-encompassing Sustainability Policy.

We pledge to:



Demonstrate how we adopt the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals. As we are based in the heart of the SE1 community, we can encourage our local community and partners to do the same, having a positive impact on the environment and people, creating opportunities for all.



Maintain investment in our public green infrastructure and ensure it is readily accessible and inclusive, recognising that it is key to creating resilience to environmental shocks such as a changing climate and pandemics. We will do this by continuing to ensure that we have a financially sustainable business plan and long-term leases of all our sites.



Continue to avoid peat-based products, including peat in plant purchases and share the list of peat free suppliers with our partners. We use bio-secure, climate-resilient UK grown plant stock, which provide year-round interest for pollinators. All the timber and wood products we use in our operations is FSC certified and we avoid the use of tropical hardwoods. We use recycled and locally sourced materials both in our offices and in our outside spaces, wherever possible.



Generate a circular economy across all sites which we manage, making the best use of our existing resources e.g. dividing plants and composting green and food waste wherever possible.



Adhere to our Sustainability Policy throughout our organisation, from our staff, volunteers, Future Gardener apprentices and graduates and our Board of Trustees. All contractors, consultants, stall-holders and clients with whom we work will be asked to embrace our Sustainability Policy.



Ensure we have a named and ongoing Sustainability Officer who measures our performance against our Action Plan. Improvements and actions will be regularly assessed and reported to our Board of Trustees.

To request the full Sustainability Policy and Action Plan, please email info@bost.org.uk



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