

SOM Environmental report 2021

As per its policy, SOM acknowledges the connection between the climate and environmental crises and the threat to 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 ecosystems. SOM recognises its responsibility to reduce its carbon and environmental footprint and formally commits itself to being an environmentally responsible charity. To take this forward SOM commits to an annual environmental report. Here is our progress in 2021:

The use of sustainable transport for staff and SOM member meetings, ensuring transport that is necessary is as sustainable as possible.

- There has been a sharp reduction in travel – due to Covid

Office energy carbon footprint e.g. including use of electricity, water

- The Royal College of Physicians was [the first royal college to receive Carbon Trust Standard](#) in recognition of its commitment to sustainable working. The RCP's electricity provision is from 100% renewable energy. RCP's canteen, Regent's Perk, has food provided in compostable food containers. The RCP's caterer, was awarded three stars by the Sustainable Restaurant Association for its commitment to using local and seasonal produce, reducing the environmental impact of transport, serving sustainably caught fish, improving energy efficiency and reducing food waste.

Office waste recycled, including printer cartridges

- All recyclable waste recycled; Print cartridges, ink and paper costs; 2020 = £120 2019 = £725

Vegetarian meals provided at SOM events

- This is occurring

Total paper consumption

- As above

Use of local suppliers and suppliers with a commitment to environmental objectives.

- SOM 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. E.g. https://www.staplesadvantage.co.uk/fileadmin/san/opcos/uk/files/environmental/UK_Environment_Policy.pdf

Progress on SOM's environmental performance will be a regular item at team meetings

- Occurred

All new staff contracts will include a clause stating that staff will be expected to help SOM carrying out its aim of being an environmentally responsible organisation, in how they carry out their day-to-day duties and induction procedures for new staff will include information on the charity's environmental policy.

- In staff handbook

SOM will observe existing environmental legislation as a minimum standard and seek to out-perform current legislative requirements where practical.

- SOM is reviewing its investments and wishes to shift them to meet ESG objectives in 2022