

Environment Policies and Procedures

West Suffolk Hive CIC considers that the care and protection of the environment is the responsibility of all participants.

Sustainability Policy

The natural environment is key to West Suffolk Hive CIC. Building a connection to nature will help ensure care and respect for the earth. West Suffolk Hive CIC aims to maintain a robust environmental and sustainably aware teaching environment. It is of the upmost importance that the site is managed responsibly and that all participants are encouraged to be involved with this.

Sustainability Procedures

By carrying out a site risk assessment every month, West Suffolk Hive CIC will monitor our environmental impact on the site. We will minimise waste by using natural resources where possible and preferably locally sourced materials. We will remove all waste from the site and dispose of it using the appropriate waste disposal units. We will only have fire in the designated fire pit area or in the stove to minimise damage to the ground and surrounding plants and trees.

Our participants are actively encouraged to take responsibility for looking after their site and spend a certain amount of each session discussing how to manage this. This can be achieved by creating a sense of community among the participants and allowing them to have a significant role in designing and maintaining the site.

Woodland Management Policy

Forest School must balance with the integrity of each eco-system. West Suffolk Hive CIC seeks to protect, maintain and improve the biodiversity of the site.

Woodland Management Procedures

West Suffolk Hive CIC staff deal with the day to day management of the site and an Arboriculture Officer deals with the longer-term plans and major works for example tree surgery.

The participants are able to care for their environment on our site by improving their ID knowledge and familiarising themselves with local wildlife. By developing a deep connection and respect with nature, the participants will feel a sense of pride and responsibility for their site.

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