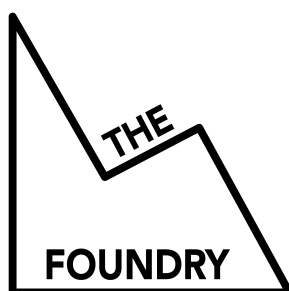


Sustainability Policy

The Foundry Mountaineering Club C.I.C

Foundry Instruction and Coaching Ltd

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1. Vision

- 1.1. We aim to promote a positive appreciation of our environment and the wider climbing environment through the operations of the Club.

2. Introduction

- 2.1. The Foundry Mountaineering Club C.I.C (“FMC”) is committed to operating in way that has the least negative impact on the environment whilst promoting a positive view of sustainable behaviour to its members and the wider climbing community.

3. Our commitment to the environment

- 3.1. As climbers we have an appreciation and understanding of the green environment. As a club we have set out a few simple principles that will ensure we do our part safeguarding the environment.
- 3.2. We recognise that this is a long term and never-ending commitment to the environment. We are also aware that we have many old systems, but this leaves us with many options to improve.
- 3.3. FMC’s biggest pledge is this: whenever a system requires changing or improving, we will search for a system that also helps the environment or has the least impact on the environment.

4. Protection of our environment

- 4.1. We aim to minimise and if possible, remove the release of any pollutants to the environment. This includes using biodegradable options where possible and reducing the use of chemicals harmful to the ozone.

5. Sustainable use of natural resources

- 5.1. When FMC builds and repairs it’s centre we aim to use products from local suppliers and ensure timber is certified by the Forestry Stewardship Council, the FSC’s [logo](#) is used to indicate that products are certified under the FSC system meaning, you can buy forest products with confidence that you are helping to ensure our forests are alive for generations to come.

6. Use of energy

- 6.1. FMC will whenever possible use energy wisely and only when it is required.
- 6.2. FMC whenever possible will look to upgrade to more efficient equipment whenever a piece requires replacing, considering the cost of the product over its life not just its initial cost.
- 6.3. FMC will endeavour to be supplied by energy companies known to have good green energy credentials.

7. Waste

- 7.1. FMC will whenever possible minimise the creation of waste, and where possible ensure the waste created is of a recyclable nature.
- 7.2. Over the course of a month a considerable quantity of “lost property” is left at the centre. This lost property is stored for a week to allow members to reclaim their belongings. If unclaimed, we give as much of this to charities and companies who up-cycle as possible. We follow the principle of re-use ahead of recycle.

8. Cafe

- 8.1. We aim to minimise the production of plastic waste.
- 8.2. We do not provide single use straws. We store the cakes in sealed containers overnight rather than wrapped in cling film and minimise waste by buying small quantities regularly. Our cake takeaway wrapping is recyclable. We offer a discount on hot drinks for those bringing their own cups and offer free water in our reusable cups.
- 8.3. The Café also uses local suppliers for the café, with local cake makers, coffee suppliers as well as local food and cleaning supplies.