

# SAPCA Environmental Sustainability Working Group

SAPCA Technical Meeting  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

# Environmental Sustainability Working Group

- Environmental sustainability challenges and issues facing the industry are central to SAPCA's new strategy
- New working group formed to drive forward this key part of SAPCA's programme
- Expressions of interest for working group members went out and a good response received. Representation from;
  - Manufacturers and Suppliers
  - Principle Contractor – Pitch, Track, Natural Sport Turf
  - Professional Services

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## Aim

- To support the delivery of SAPCA's strategy by providing advice, recommendations, and best practice guidance influencing the design and construction of sport and play facilities to improve environmental sustainability, enhance quality and durability, reduce and prevent pollution, that will provide benefit to the SAPCA membership, wider community (end user/stakeholders) and identify SAPCA as a trusted mark

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## Objectives

- Determine the environmental sustainability issues and obligations that impact SAPCA and its members
- Determine priorities, work areas, and how SAPCA can deliver these effectively
- Deliver agreed work packages through several channels including membership, specialist task groups, research, codes of practice, guidance documents, collaboration with other organisations, promoting work of other organisations
- Maintain up-to-date on environmental sustainability at a UK/EU and worldwide level (legislation, guidance, best practice, policy, new products/processes and services)
- Regularly update and disseminate the work of the environmental sustainability working group to the SAPCA membership, the purchaser (end user – non members), and stakeholders
- Recognise successes in the area of environmental sustainability and promote these through SAPCA channels

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## Focus Groups

- Four key areas identified for 2022 – Establishment of focus groups
  - Membership
  - Maintenance
  - Recycling
  - Betterment Through Design
- Initial meeting held with each focus group to open discussions and begin to identify work packages for 2022
- Next meeting of the focus groups is the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – establish the details and timeframes of proposed work packages for agreement by the working group and SAPCA Board

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## Membership

- Everyone has a duty of care to be more responsible. This must include SAPCA and its members
- Review SAPCA's environmental sustainability policies
- Determine what should be expected of a SAPCA member
  - What should be mandatory / must do?
  - What should we aspire to / like to do?
  - Code of professional conduct – members sign up to each year as part of their renewal
  - Certification schemes – regular review

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## Maintenance

- Update/revise code of practice for maintenance
  - Focus on management and maintenance from an environmental sustainability perspective
  - Produce user friendly documents
  - Disseminate to members, stakeholders, end user
- Support development of standards
  - Work with the BS committee, ESTC / CEN in the development of standards
  - Disseminate and update the membership as developments occur
- End user / wider community training
  - Produce online training modules/material – aimed at end users
  - Provide CPD opportunities through in person practical training sessions and assessment

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## Recycling

- Understand what the legal requirements are with regards to waste and recycling
  - Professional legal advice – what are we legally bound to be doing?
- What constitutes recycling?
  - What are the minimum requirements/legal requirements?
  - What does SAPCA expect as a minimum requirement?
- Disseminate to members as a code of practice or requirement of membership. Introduce a track and trace system/audit trail through the quality system
- Promote SAPCA's minimum requirements to the wider community including stakeholders, planners and end users



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## Betterment Through Design

- Produce guidance documents for Sports Facility Design
  - Sports focused (spectrum of sports/surface types). Must also include ancillary items (e.g. fencing, floodlights, equipment)
  - Comparison chart/s indicating typical functions / durability / limitations / environmental sensitivity
  - Legal requirements and obligations
  - Current best practice on the options and methods to reduce and minimise environmental impacts of sports facilities.
- Options for further guidance – indoor sports surfaces and play. No current representation in the group

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## Call to Action!

- Everyone has a duty of care to be more responsible. This must include SAPCA and its members.
- Are you currently not represented in the working group or focus groups?
- Are you interested in supporting the work of the working group and/or have specialist knowledge in the area?
- Please get in contact to find out more and how you can support the working group