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## **COBH RAMBLERS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**



Football leaves more than footprints on a pitch; the carbon footprint from football is considerable, (currently estimated to be between 0.3 and 0.4% of global emissions) everything from team and supporters travel to merchandising leaves a footprint and needs to be confronted.

Cobh Ramblers recognises that our actions and events have an impact on our environment, on our economy and the wider community.

Cobh Ramblers AFC are committed to achieving Net Zero and will sign up to UN Sports for climate Action Framework.

## We will achieve this by measuring our Carbon footprint and create a roadmap to Net Zero.

Our Action plan to achieve Net Zero will include but is not limited to the following:

- The removal of gas boilers in buildings at our ground.
- Move to purchase our electricity requirements from sustainable energy companies.
- Installation of solar panels in stadium buildings.
- Rainwater Harvesting.
- Installation of waterless urinals in all toilet facilities located within the stadium.
- Installation of LED lighting on stadium floodlighting.
- Incentivise the use of public transport to and from our home games.
  (25% reduction of ticket prices to fans that use Public Transport)
- Recycling of match day waste
   (Our commitment is that any fees due to the club from recycling initiatives will be donated to
   tree-planting and re-wilding projects in Ireland.)
- The club will partner with charities committed to wildlife conservation.
- Future construction projects at our stadium must be environmentally friendly and construction and design companies must clearly demonstrate how this will be achieved.
- The phasing out of printed match day programmes.
- Encourage and incentivise club members to demonstrate their commitment to join us on the road to sustainability such as walking, cycling or using public transport to our matches.
- Carry out a digital de-clutter of unnecessary files, app's etc on the club drives.
- Encourage our members and supporters do carry out a digital de-clutter.
- Use alternatives instead of travelling to meetings such as video conferencing and conferencing calls.
- Merchandising contracts will be awarded to companies that are sustainable and obtain their materials from ethical sources.
- Installation of EV charging points at our stadium

## The above list is not a complete list, and the club will review this policy and upgrade as necessary due to internal or external factors.

## **Timeline of planned Events**

2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Installation of LED floodlighting	Sign up to U.N framework for climate action	Installation of solar panels					
Alternatives to meetings	Phase out of physical matchday programmes	Removal of gas boilers	Installation of rainwater harvesting systems				
First Digital De-clutter	Link with Wildlife Charity Partner	Digital De- clutter	Digital De- clutter	Digital De- clutter	Digital De- clutter	Digital De- clutter	Digital De- clutter

Purchase	Incentivise	Awarding of building contracts to environmentally aware companies	Incentivise	Incentivise	Incentivise	Incentivise	Incentivise
energy from	fans to		fans to				
sustainable	travel		travel	travel	travel	travel	travel
companies	sustainably		sustainably	sustainably	sustainably	sustainably	sustainably
Develop matchday recycling policy and initiatives							

NEXT REVIEW DATE:	21st March 2024 and every 6 months thereafter.				
	Review progress against U.N framework for climate Action KPI's				
SIGNED:					
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Chairperson					
Cobh Ramblers AFC					