

## **Macclesfield Youth Brass Band**

### **SUSTAINABILITY POLICY**

#### ***Principles***

MYBB upholds principles of equity, fairness and openness. Players, parents and volunteers contribute their time and resources for the benefit of current and future members of the band; and for the wider community in Macclesfield and beyond.

MYBB recognises the need to act to secure the sustainability of the wider environment.

Young people have the greatest stake in the future of the organization and wider society. Therefore this policy is under the stewardship of the members of the band.

#### ***Commitments***

We are committed to thoughtfully consider how our actions within MYBB impact more widely on society and to act in ways that reduce wastefulness, decrease the carbon footprint and reduce negative impacts on the environment.

#### ***Actions***

In line with this policy MYBB commits to the following:

- Moving towards the elimination of plastic waste through;
  - o Encouraging band members carrying their own reusable bottles for refreshments at concerts,
  - o Using bulk water containers for use on tours, with band members refilling their own water bottles rather than use of single-serving water bottles,
  - o Offering reduced prices on drinks at concerts for audience members who bring their own cup or non-breakable glass,
  - o Reviewing the use of cling film to protect sterilised mouthpieces.
- Reducing paper wastage through;
  - o Using electronic communications where possible,
  - o Purchasing recycled paper where appropriate (for example for paper cups, paper towels, printer paper),
  - o Re-using and recycling paper (blank side for notes),
  - o Continuing to develop the use of electronic music (rather than sheet music).
- Reducing the carbon footprint of the band through;

- o Keeping direct energy usage low (turning off lights and other electric/ electronic devices when not in use),
  - o Reducing journeys by encouraging car shares for parents transporting young people to rehearsals, consulting with parents to test when there would be interest in arranging parent coach travel to concerts,
  - o Encouraging band members, parents and volunteers to move to more carbon-efficient modes of transport.
- Reducing the environmental impact of equipment and supplies through;
    - o Investing in maintenance of instruments, music stands and other equipment central to the operation of the band,
    - o Purchasing environmentally safe soaps and detergents,
    - o Purchasing and using environmentally sustainable and durable uniforms and banners.

This policy will be presented and discussed with band members periodically, and their input and new ideas will be actively sought.

This policy was adopted on: 11th February 2020

Signed ..... Chair

Name: Louise Renshaw

Next review date: February 2021