

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT.

Management of Lesters regard the promotion and preservation of the environment as a mutual objective for Management and employees at all levels.

We are fully committed to protecting and continually improving the quality of our working and local environments. We are committed to working pro-actively with, and communicating this policy to our employees, clients, contractors and all other external interested parties to achieve a safer, cleaner, healthier and sustainable environment. This will fulfil present and future human and legislative needs.

The objectives of this policy are to:

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- Reduce the production of waste and encourage wherever possible it's re-use or re-cycling.
- Encourage greater staff involvement through environmental awareness training, the understanding of environmental issues and continual environmental improvements.
- Encourage staff to become more efficient and sustainable in their use and the preservation of energy.
- Evaluate environmental impacts when considering new products, plant, equipment, buildings and processes.
- Prevent pollution and nuisance.
- Manage the correct, safe and effective disposal of waste materials and products through approved and qualified agencies/providers.
- Maintain the office, factory and surrounding areas in a clean and tidy condition to ensure minimum impact on our customers and neighbours.
- Control the responsible sourcing of FSC<sup>®</sup> certified materials, in line with Lesters FSC Chain of Custody certification and product group schedule.

Lesters will comply with environmental laws, regulations and other requirements relevant to our business. We will provide adequate resources and closely monitor our business administration and production processes to ensure that the company's operations and opportunities are effectively managed and risks mitigated in accordance with the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001, BS EN ISO 14001, BS ISO 45001, FSC<sup>®</sup> Chain of Custody and BRCGS Packaging Standards.

This policy will be communicated to all staff and stakeholders together with interested parties i.e. subcontractors that may be working on our behalf, and will be available to the public via our web site: <u>https://lesterspackaging.co.uk/certifications</u>

The Directors will review this policy and formulate QUENSH objectives during annual management reviews to ensure its integrity, effectiveness and compatibility with the context and strategic direction of the organisation.



Signed:

Steve Hutchinson. Managing Director. Reviewed for effectiveness during management review with no changes 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

