

SAW Conferences

Sustainability Statement 2022

The Society of Anaesthetists of Wales (SAW) is committed to establishing a greener, more sustainable conference

From now on we will be doing the following:

- Conference badges will not be given out- bring your own badge if you wish!
- Programmes will not be printed out as standard-we are more than happy to email a programme on arrival/before the conference so you can look at it on your own device
- We will be mindful of any other materials distributed during the conference & will be liaising with trade stands to do the same
- Sustainability will be a consideration when planning conference lunches, coffee and snacks
- We now do paperless council meetings and AGMs
- Looking forward we will be trying to secure venues that are more easily accessible by public transport or bicycle
- Encouraging a lift sharing scheme to and from conference venues
- Carbon responsibility: we will be establishing a scheme by which the carbon footprint of invited speakers will be offset by the planting of trees in Namibia through an initiative with Mothers of Africa charity
- Virtual options- virtual conferences are lower environmental impact. However, we have decided as a society to return to the great experience of face-to-face meetings. We will strive to work with chosen venues to facilitate a virtual option of attendance when possible.

This is a work in progress; please bear with us.

Let us know if you have any ideas on how to continue to make SAW conferences greener: sawcouncil.secretary@gmail.com