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 Community Interest Company

Meeting Report- Adrian Bristow

Organisation: Spiegeltent Brighton Fringe

Date: 26/03/2018 at 10am

Venue: Brighthelm Centre

Background Info

Venue: The Old Steine

Open: 31days

Ca. 15 staff/weekdays 40-50 staff/ weekends 5 volunteers

Ca. 60,000 visitors

Points discussed:

- Current practices regarding the sale of bottled water and plastic cup usage
- Current access to drinking water on event sites
- Waste collection / recycling
- Barriers and opportunities for plastic waste reduction
- Barriers and opportunities for improved drinking water supply at the event
- Steps moving forward

What is the organisation currently doing?

- Offer free tap water in jugs and biodegradable cups in the bar supplied from the standpipe on site
- No plastic straws. Offer paper straws when asked for it.
- No sale of bottled water
- Collecting and reusing plastic wine glasses
- Biodegradable cups used for beverages provided by "The Laine" company
- Working with Paperound to dispose of event waste
- Recycling of glass and cardboard

Barriers identified:

- Inefficiencies in delivery of standpipe fitting were identified as an independent contracting company delivers the fittings from 50miles away
- Due to nature of event keep-cups and deposit schemes are not a viable option
- No recycling option for biodegradable cups

Opportunities identified:

- Staff and volunteers could use reusable vessels for drinking instead of using disposable cups
- Keeping a stock of standpipe fittings locally would have a positive impact > reduce unnecessary emissions from travel
- If possible, build connections with waste contractors that have recycling facilities for biodegradable cups or are linked to biodigesters
- Development of an events support facility from Southern Water to successfully maintain the event sites they supply > cutting carbon costs for travel as Brighton frequently hosts outdoor events

SBPs agreed actions:

- Calculate the waste reduction potential if all staff and volunteers used reusable vessels for their drinks.

Identified information to include to BHCC and Southern Water report:

- Easier access to standpipe fittings
- Suggestion for events support resource to be created

Next steps:

- The aim is to find pragmatic solutions that organisations can sign up to.
- SBP will be using the findings to inform Stage 2 of the project and be in contact with the organisation for further follow-up