



## Winter Newsletter 2022

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### Fan Led Review of Football Governance

The above review was recently published and presented with 10 strategic recommendations and 47 detailed sub-recommendations. Further details can be found on the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport website.

The Review was well received by fans' groups, including the recommendation to ensure the long-term sustainability of football and that the government should create a new Independent Regulator for English football. The Football Supporters' Association (FSA) asked its members, which includes the Saints City Trust, to write to their local MP seeking them to support and press the government into implementing the recommendations. The Trust Board considered the report and endorsed its content. As a result, we wrote to Daisy Cooper MP, who responded quickly stating that she also wanted the Review to be fully considered and implemented. She, therefore, wrote to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport on behalf of the Trust, requesting the government to act on the Review.

We will keep you informed of the progress.

### Recycling/Carbon Efficiency

A question was raised regarding recycling material at Clarence Park. Here is a response from Leigh Page, our Club Secretary

As you will be aware, with the ageing of our infrastructure being what it is at CP, being carbon efficient is difficult and hard to retrofit but we have a goal to be as carbon efficient as is possible.

1. After each game we sort all the waste created into recyclable cardboard, plastic, glass and metal.
2. General Waste - Our Corporate Sponsor KP Waste are focused on no sending any waste to landfill.
3. All lights around the ground with the exception of the main floodlights have been changed to energy efficient bulbs.
4. Heating is only put on when facilities are in use, i.e. the Clubhouse and Dressing Rooms are not heated during the week.
5. We try and shop local where possible, such as our beer supplies from local brewers or wholesalers.
6. Being cashless now reduces the need to transport cash.
7. We are reducing paper usage.
8. We are making additional efforts to reduce water usage.
9. Our current pitch maintenance team are based locally, reducing the carbon impact on getting to the ground.

## **Leadership Meetings**

I have attended the weekly leadership meetings with club officials for the last few months and raised a number of issues that supporters have spoken to me about. Here are the two most recent matters raised -

### **New Dug Outs – Restricted Viewing**

A site meeting was held to look at the restricted views caused by the new perspex dug outs. One suggestion had been put forward to lower the structure but this is not possible as the main floodlight cable is directly under the site. It was accepted that some seats do have a more restricted view but this is limited to a small area.

### **Stewarding**

I have had a number of issues with the standard of the stewards at games and to improve this, Tony Colbourne and I now involve ourselves as part of the team providing suitable advice where required.

### **Away Travel**

A question was received via email to the Trust site about the provision of transport to away matches. In the past, the cost of running a mini bus to matches always ran at a loss, as fares were pegged to a reasonable level. With the current pandemic, however, most people would want individual seats, which would further reduce income. This is a matter the Trust will look at for next season, however the taking of bookings can be time consuming and we are putting out there an offer for someone to take up the role of arranging this. If there are any offers to help with this, please contact me on match days or via my mobile on 07714 145862.

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