

BIC Green Supply Chain

Update: November 2023



Summary of current position:

- The project plan has been updated to show what was completed in November. This has been submitted to the BIC Executive Director.
- The Design for Recycling Project Part 2, Initial Design to Manufactured Book and proposal for Part 3, Manufactured Book to End-of-Life are with the BIC Executive Director for approval.
- The Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project held one meeting this month. It was decided that rather than sending out a survey this would be turned into a questionnaire. The project consultant would then contact a targeted list of people to help with the project. Also, a MailChimp email would be sent to the BIC membership to see if a wider group of people would be willing to help with the questionnaire.
- The Principles of Offsetting Project held its second meeting in November. The project team agreed that the Scope and Approach should take a
 - Scientific approach,
 - Look at the various Carbon reporting schemes and what is involved,
 - Scope 3 is an estimation,
 - Provide a definition of 'offsetting' that the team thought appropriate for this project and BIC.

And use these principles to help guide them. When looking at the various offsetting schemes we need to understand:

- What they are trying to achieve,
- When you can say you are offsetting.

The team are currently researching:

- Would it be possible for smaller organisations to work together when looking at and buying offsetting projects,
- What each team members main customers are doing in this field. This has also been broken down with specific people looking at the paper and shipping markets,
- Looking for organisations in other industries that operate a circular economy and see if the book industry could learn from what they are doing.

Initial Deliverables Achieved to Date:

- For the Sustainability and Data Reporting project contact has been made with a select group of people asking them to help with the questionnaire. So far, two people have responded and meetings have been held with them to go through the questions,
- For the Principles of Offsetting project, the following has been achieved:



- A list of all the regulatory requirements that might be appropriate to this project has been generated,
- Climate Impact Partners have been contacted and a representative is coming to the December meeting,
- A list of glossary terms relevant to this project has been started.

Next steps:

- Send the final report for Designed for Recycling Project Part 2, Initial Design to Manufactured Book Project to the BIC Green Supply Chain Committee for approval,
- Send the Proposal for the Designed for Recycling Part 3, Manufactured Book to End-of-Life to the BIC Green Supply Chain Committee for approval,
- Continue working with the select list of people on answering the questionnaire for Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project
- Use the information gathered from the Climate Impact Partner's presentation at the December meeting to help shape the direction of the Principles of Offsetting Project,
- Continuing with the research for the Principles of Offsetting Project.

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