

BIC Green Supply Chain

Update: March 2024



Summary of current position:

- The BIC Green Supply Chain Work Plan tracker has been updated to show what was completed in March. This is a new version and will be used to update the overall work plan. It has been submitted to the BIC Executive Director.
- The Green Supply Chain Committee has reviewed the current work plan in conjunction with the SIF plan. The environmental consultant is currently collating all the responses for the committee.
- The Design for Recycling Project Part 2, Initial Design to Manufactured Book Report has been completed and was published at the London Book Fair (LBF). The environmental consultant made a presentation about the project at the LBF as part of the Sustainability Hub. The proposal for Part 3, Manufactured Book to End-of-Life has been approved by the committee. The call for volunteers will be sent out at the beginning of April, with a projected project start of Monday 22 April.
- The Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project did not meet in March. The project team has reviewed the draft report and made several suggestions. The project manager has discussed some of the comments with members of the project team. The report has been revised and is currently with the project team for comment with a deadline of the 5 April.
- The Principles of Offsetting Project held one meeting in March.
 - 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 current thoughts are:

- The team thought the skeleton report was a good start but needed reordering slightly.
- There was a discussion around how organisations measure their carbon emissions, but how does this relate to offsetting?
- There is a new version of the Oxford Universities 'Principles of Offsetting', which now has a more long-term approach, and puts more emphasis on 'removals'. <https://www.ox.ac.uk/news/2024-02-28-oxford-researchers-launch-updated-carbon-offsetting-principles#:~:text=The%20revised%20%27Oxford%20offsetting%20Principles,>



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- We need to add a disclaimer at the beginning of the report - BIC is not suggesting that organisations using offsetting, but this project is around helping organisations navigate the offsetting market so they can understand it better.
- The report is missing an introduction.
- We need a description of the voluntary carbon market.
- We need to add a references section to the report.
- It was agreed that the project consultant would start to revise the report and add more text under the various headings.

Initial Deliverables Achieved to Date:

- For the Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting project, the initial draft report has been revised and is currently being reviewed by the project team.
- For the Designed for Recycling Project, the final report for Part 2: Initial Design to Manufactured Book has been approved and published. The proposal for Part 3: Manufactured Book to End-of-Life has been approved.
- For the Principles of Offsetting project, the following has been achieved:
 - A draft version of the final report has been started and reviewed by the project team
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Next steps:

- Send out the call for volunteers for the Designed for Recycling Project, Part 3 Manufactured Book to End of Life,
- Re-write the final report for Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project Part 1 once the project team has reviewed the revised report,
- Continuing with the research for the Principles of Offsetting Project and revising the final report/tool kit.

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