



Sustainable Bookselling A Manifesto for the BA, Booksellers and the Book Industry

REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE

PRINCIPLES

1. The need for change to help prevent further environmental decline is urgent and permanent
2. There is much that individuals and organisations can do
3. There is much that the UK book supply chain can do

COMMITMENT

The BA is committed to reducing waste and environmentally damaging practices within the association, within our membership and throughout the supply chain

BOOKSHOPS

The BA recommends that every bookshop:

- Participates in the BA's Carbon Calculator: booksellerscalculator.org/
- Considers applying for a BA Sustainable Bookselling Grant www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BASustainabilityGrants
- Conducts a Green Audit of their business guidance
- Looks at switching to a green energy supplier
- Looks at switching to low-energy lighting
- Becomes part of the circular economy
- Looks at 'waste' materials than can be used by other businesses of groups locally
- Eliminates single-use plastic in their business
- Uses local suppliers wherever appropriate
- Ensures stationery and other goods are from renewable sources wherever possible
- Considers only stocking 'naked' greetings card ranges (with no cellophane wrapping)
- Re-uses or recycles packaging material wherever possible
- Switches to eco-friendly cleaning and other products wherever possible
- Tries to ensure the sustainability of bookshop events
- Considers any other measures appropriate to their business



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ALL BOOKSELLERS

- Calculate your Carbon Output with the BA's free-to-use [Carbon Calculator](#)
- Take the Sustainable Manifesto Pledge!
Commit to at least four of the above actions in the next twelve months and download the [pledge logo](#) to use in your business



THE BOOKSELLERS ASSOCIATION

The BA undertakes to:

- Conduct a Green Audit of the association
- Constantly review and reduce the production and distribution of printed materials
- Source eco-friendly products to supply to bookshops as replacements to single-use or non-recyclable goods
- Run Green Bookselling education seminars at the BA Conference and London Book Fair
- Commission and produce a Sustainable Bookselling resource on BA Learning Skills Hub for booksellers
- Facilitate remote conference access (e.g. Zoom, Teams) to meetings where appropriate
- Promote lift-sharing to BA events
- Apply all of the relevant action points for bookshops to its own association business

THE SUPPLY CHAIN

The BA calls on publishers and distributors to:

- Phase out single-use cardboard such as 'zipper' boxes
- Move toward recyclable or re-usable cartons
- Review with us the inherently wasteful returns process
- Cease sending unsolicited proof copies to booksellers
- Cease sending unsolicited marketing and other print material to booksellers
- Phase out environmentally damaging packaging materials
- Phase out the inclusion of multiple paper sheets in deliveries
- Move to efficient, consultative paperless invoicing systems

EVERYBODY

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