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BCA Sustainability Committee Meeting  
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# Agenda

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| <b>1.30 - 1.40</b> | Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping             |
| <b>1.40 - 1.45</b> | Sustainability news                               |
| <b>1.45 –2.05</b>  | Deforestation – Update and Working Group Activity |
| <b>2.05 - 2.25</b> | Product Environmental Scores                      |
| <b>2.25 –2.45</b>  | Sustainable Plantation Agriculture                |
| <b>2.45 - 2.55</b> | Renewable Energy Survey                           |
| <b>2.55</b>        | AOB & Date for Next Meeting                       |



# Sustainability News

- EPR & DRS consultations – little new on EPR, some work being looked at in relation to mandatory take back for cups
- Single Serve Units – a suggestion that the EU may look to Packaging Waste Directive to limit SSUs to compostable products. Not yet clear if this is to be a formal position (seems to conflict with existing legislation defining packaging)
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change- [IPCC's report](#) that came out in August. We can forward a Press Release and a High-Level Summary for those interested. They have also got a [2 minute video](#) explaining what the IPCC is/do
- **CCC: UK 'has no coherent plan to reduce emissions this decade', despite net-zero pledge**  
The UK Government has not yet backed up its long-term climate target of net-zero by 2050, often described as "world-leading" by Ministers, with realistic and ambitious delivery plans, the Climate Change Committee (CCC) is warning.

# Deforestation

## ➤ EU Environment Bill

- Returned to Parliament (House of Lords) this week
- Report stage followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> reading
- Then back to Commons for final consideration?
- Royal Assent during current parliamentary session?

## ➤ BCA Position Paper

- Current draft reflects Working Group discussions to date
- Work still to ensure paper ties into UN SDGs
- Need to demonstrate best practice

# Product Environmental Scores

## Foundation Earth – pilot scheme 2021- including coffee??

- Based on Carbon emissions, Biodiversity loss and Water Usage & Pollution
- Driven by Mondra – how are results presented to consumers
- *cf French Ecoscore initiative, based on 16 LCA indicators*
- *Results determined in terms of a unit score per kg of product*

## ▪ Sustainable Food Trust

- Update on conversations

## ▪ ECF Activity (Product Environmental Footprint)

- ECF looking to access pooled company data in respect of LCA calculations
- EU likely to put forward legislation, under the Green Deal, this autumn

# Sustainable Plantation Agriculture

- **What do we want to achieve?**
  - Develop a vision for sustainable plantation agriculture
  - Assess the impacts of key environmental challenges, and a changing consumer and legislative landscape
  - Discuss environmental solutions that address challenges
  - Identify synergies between crop types
  - Co-create new ideas and identify opportunities for collaboration

# Sustainable Plantation Agriculture (2)

- **Sustainable Plantation Agriculture: a vision for 2030**
  - **Welcome:**  
Dr Nick Girkin, Soil and Agrifood Institute, Cranfield
  - **Cranfield University, the Soil and Agrifood Institute, and plantation crops:**  
Professor Andrew Thompson, Head of Soil and Agrifood Institute, Cranfield
  - **Environmental solutions for sustainable plantations:**  
Dr Nick Girkin, Soil and Agrifood Institute, Cranfield
  - **Case study: Key challenges for sustainable soil and crop management:**  
Dr Ruben Sakrabani, Soil and Agrifood Institute, Cranfield
  - **Case study: Key challenges in water management:**  
Prof Jerry Knox, Water Science Institute, Cranfield
  - **Case study: Digital agriculture:**  
Dr Toby Waine, Centre for Environmental and Agricultural Informatics, Cranfield
  - **Case study: Reducing postharvest losses from plantations:**  
Dr Carmen Alamar, Soil and Agrifood Institute, Cranfield

# Sustainable Plantation Agriculture (3)

## How to define sustainability in plantation agriculture?

### **A system of production that:**

- Meets human nutritional needs.
- Maintains or enhances environmental quality.
- Efficiently uses non-renewable resources.
- Integrates natural biological cycles and controls
- Sustains the economic viability of farm operations.
- Enhances the quality of life for farmers, and society

# Renewable Energy Survey

- Draft Circulated in August
- Comments?
- Next Steps?

# Remaining 2021 Meeting Dates

## **Next BCA Sustainability Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 8th December 2021 –  
1:30pm – 3:30pm** – FDF, 10 Bloomsbury  
Way, London, WC1A 2SL

