



BCA Sustainability Committee Meeting
2nd March 2022

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Agenda

1.30 - 1.40	Welcome, introductions & housekeeping
1.40 - 1.45	Sustainability news
1.45 –2.20	Enhancing sustainability and climate resilience of coffee production through collaborative research
2.20 - 2.40	Deforestation, UK and EU consultations
2.40 –2.50	Plastic Packaging Legislation – dealing with imports
2.50 - 3.00	Product Environmental Scores - update
3.00	AOB & date for next meeting



Sustainability News – March 2022

Bloomberg

Coffee Prices Soar to Highest in a Decade as Stockpiles Slide

- Dwindling reserves are pushing up prices of high-end beans
- New signs of tight supplies come as global food costs jump



[Climate change: IPCC report warns of 'irreversible' impacts of global warming](#)



"Our Assembly gathers at a moment of severe geopolitical turmoil. More than ever, we must demonstrate that multilateral diplomacy can deliver."

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Starbucks trials deposit return scheme for reusable cups

Starbucks has launched a new scheme whereby customers in London and Geneva can borrow reusable cups for a £1 fee, and is hoping to scale it across...



Deforestation emissions far higher than previously thought



Morrisons partners with Podback on coffee pod recycling scheme

24 February 2022

The retailer was 'the first supermarket to become a supporter of the Podback scheme, as well as provide bags in store', said Podback

Enhancing the sustainability and climate resilience of coffee production through collaborative research

- Dr Nicholas Girkin
- Lecturer in Plant Soil Systems
- School of Water, Energy and Environment
- Cranfield University



Deforestation- coffee as a forest risk commodity, UK legislative consultation

➤ UK Secondary Legislation

- Consultation includes coffee
- Focus on illegal deforestation
- Views needed on speed at which legislation is introduced
- Need for due diligence based approach
- Concerns over establishing a working system
- Need to capture and protect what is already working
- **Need to finalise BCA consultation response**

➤ EU Proposals

- Potential still to enter into force during 2022
- Bans all deforested products, irrespective of national legislative position
- Very detailed information requirements
- Push from industry for a more risk based approach
- Need to tie in with existing Corporate Sustainability Governance reporting

Plastic Packaging Legislation

- Plastic Packaging Tax from April 2022
- Part of wider set of measures on waste and recycling
- Point of impact on imported product is on UK importer
- Credit provided for recovered and recycled material
- Questions on opportunity for material take-back and re-export for recycling plus ability to incentivise manufacturers on packaging redesign.

Product Environmental Scores



What to focus on? 2022

- Defra's Consultation – Deforestation / Due Diligence
- Net Zero
- Packaging (labelling)
- Participation at COP27, other industry events? Proposal 'Cop for Coffee' or convening a cross-commodity conference?
- Sustainable Landscapes/ Regenerative Agriculture – call for examples of best practice
- Webinar series
- GRI ? Standards

2022 Meeting Dates

Wednesday 2nd March 2022 – 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Wednesday 6th July 2022 – 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Wednesday 15th November 2022 – 1:30pm – 3:30pm

**All meetings at:
FDF, 10 Bloomsbury Way, London WC1A 2SL**

