

Environmental policy

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A.W. Bent Limited (AWB) are committed to protecting and reducing our impact on the environment. We subscribe to the principle of "there is no Planet-B."

To support this principle AWB have a structured approach to our environmental policy. This structured approach is summarised via the delivery of the below 3 phases in this specific order.

- 1.) Be Lean
- 2.) Be Clean
- 3.) Be Green

These are explained as follows:

1.) Be Lean: Use Less

Do more with less. Whether it be energy or materials, seek to use less. Utilise efficient design and processes to focus on minimising energy and material demand. Get the passive basics right before applying energy and materials.

For example;

- improving insulation will use less heating and cooling energy.
- don't print unless you have to, store files digitally.
- optimising the layout of our warehouse, will ensure the maximum amount of stock is stored within the building, reducing land-take.
- where possible, meet people digitally rather than travelling.
- remove single use plastic packaging from products where possible.
- Use ceramic crockery and steel cutlery which can be washed and re-used.
- Use natural daylight where possible instead of electric lighting.

2.) Be Clean: Be efficient with what you use.

Following Phase 1, if you need to use energy or materials, where possible seek to use energy efficient systems, local, low carbon energy and materials.

For example;

- if you have to print, use recycled paper and print two-sided.
- utilise filtered mains water instead of transporting in bottled water.
- source packaging which is recycled and recyclable.
- manufacture high quality products which can be washed and re-used many times to optimise embodied energy/carbon.
- seek carbon neutral energy contracts for mains utilities.
- install energy efficient lighting with intelligent controls such as presence detection, so lights only activate when space is being used.

3.) Be Green: Use Renewable Energy & Processes

By using less and then being efficient with other systems this will ensure that any subsequent renewable technologies which are applied will have a much higher impact.

For example;

- a solar array (PV) on our building with a battery pack will significantly reduce our demand on mains supplied energy especially if the building is well insulated.
- charge Electric vehicles with energy from PVs
- recycle our waste from packaging and where possible re-use in-coming packaging for out-going packaging.

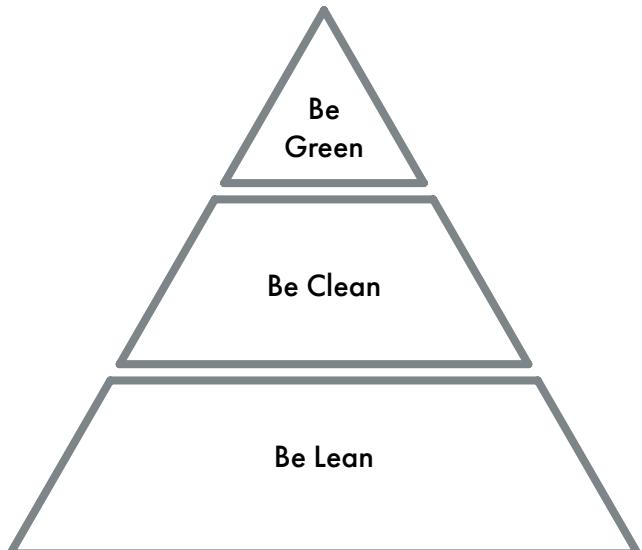
Delivering on our Environmental Policy

The above process informs how we approach our Carbon Reduction Plan (CRP) in a strategic manner.

A copy of our current CRP is available on our website:
<https://www.awbtextiles.co.uk/policies/carbon-reduction-plan/>

AWB are committed to continual development and improvement of our approach.

J. Cook



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