



The Big Green Believers' Agreement **Ratified November 2011**

Vision

The Big Green Believers' Agreement is an interfaith environmental initiative open to every faith individual, group and community within and beyond Dorset. It aims to encourage and enable all signatories to become more sustainable and to help create a flourishing, just and peaceful world for all to cherish.

Principles

This agreement is created with the underlying principles that we need to...

- Recognise that the current ways of personal and communal living are demonstrably unsustainable and damaging to the delicate web of life;
- Accept that our moral duty and faith traditions guide us to live as sustainably as possible;
- Understand that sustainable living, as most commonly defined, is living so that we can meet the needs of today without compromising the needs of the future;
- Realise that we approach a shared common ground from many differing perspectives and that this will lead to similar but diverse implementations of the Big Green Believers' Agreement.

The Agreement

We, the undersigned, commit ourselves to...

- Using the Big Green Believers' Agreement as a springboard for discussion of sustainability issues in our faith communities;
- Engaging in processes of measurable action and education in matters relating to Biodiversity, Buildings, Consumption, Food, Social Justice, Transport and Waste;
- Engaging in an annual review of progress;
- Contributing resources towards the work of the Big Green Believers' Agreement, such as sharing information or donating time or money;
- Encouraging other individuals and communities to sign up to the Big Green Believers' Agreement.

Support

To support this commitment, IDEA: Interfaith Dorset Education and Action will...

- Assist us in the implementation of the Big Green Believers' Agreement;
- Facilitate online sharing of resources between individuals and communities;
- Advertise our commitment to the Big Green Believers' Agreement if we so wish.