

03Green Impact

22.1.16

Action

8 Attendance

8.1 Present

Linda Collett
Sarah Haider
Jo Harbrow
Sarah Johnson
Tom Manville
Leigh Rooney
Naomi Rudd
Sammi Whitaker

8.2 Apologies

Fiona Caslake
Lauren Fidler
Charlie Hinch
Guy Stepney

8.3 Absent

Thea Maragkakis

9 Acceptance of previous minutes

9.1 Accuracy

3.5 – SW had spoken to NUS about the Blackout criteria

9.2 Matters arising

These were on the agenda.

10 Items for discussion

10.1 Green Impact

LC explained the outstanding compulsory criteria. It was agreed that for B.025 we would support the Snap it off campaign and that during Global Week SH would get together a group of students and carry out a mini Blackout in one building. SW, SH and LR to discuss when and where. LC had asked volunteering and rep co-ordinators to send out emails to their circulation groups and officers to send out social media messages both before and on the day (Wednesday 3 February). LC requested that the Comms team support this criteria. It was agreed that it was important for members of the Comms team to attend this meeting.

**SH
SW/SH/LR**

Officers

Comms

G.007 – Analysis of effectiveness of sustainability communications – It was agreed that officers would discuss this with SM and also involve the Communications reps. LC to liaise with GS.

**Officers
LC**

G.009 – Fossil Free campaign – It was agreed that LC would draft wording for an

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informal email for officers to send to Mike Frost in the first instance.

LC to continue working through the workbook.

LC

10.2 Green week debrief

SW reported that Green Week had taken place on all three campuses and that she would be writing a report on the Cambridge event. She went on to say that the Environment and Community rep in Cambridge had been really supportive and proactive and that there had been a lot of student engagement. The cycling cinema had 30 students pedalling to keep Mad Max on the screen and the providers, Outspoken had agreed to hold an event for Children in Need. As a result of the Green Mondays campaign, SW had been asked to speak to local businesses on the subject at a conference on 27 January.

LC gave an overview of the week in Chelmsford and noted that, although the level of staff support had been disappointing, it had promoted green issues more than had been done in previous years.

SW went on to report that there had been no staff in Peterborough to promote the week, but that there had been displays and that the Bookcycle was now up and running.

10.3 Green Pitch

This had been launched in Peterborough only during Green Week in an attempt to engage with the students there and to give them something that they could buy into. However, as promotion had been limited, there had been no pitches submitted. A discussion ensued about whether to relaunch the competition to all students, but it was agreed that to do so in a short time-frame would probably not work, so it was agreed to research how the competition could be developed next year, and to seek sponsorship as outlined in the University Strategic Plan. It was agreed that the Environment and Community reps should also be consulted.

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10.4 Responsible Futures update

SW confirmed that the GSI had signed up to Responsible Futures and that she was due to meet with Grace Phillips to find out how the SU can get involved.

10.5 Environment team update

SJ reported that there had been a successful bid from the Cambridge Psychology Society for £200 from the Green Fund. SJ to discuss with AMan how to transfer the funds. LR noted that Cheerleading in Chelmsford were close to completing their bid.

SJ

SJ went on to say that the Halls energy-saving competition had been discontinued but that consumption was still being monitored and high-usage flats were being alerted. The Environment team were now teaming up with Accommodation Services to run events for students in halls and a Fairtrade bath bomb making session facilitated by Lush was being planned for Valentine's. This had been arranged for Chelmsford but SJ was still waiting to hear from Lush in Cambridge. The session would be for up to 40 people.

Fairtrade fortnight was taking place in the first two weeks of March and there would be a 6-word story-writing competition for staff as part of the ARU Green competition. There would also be displays by Lush and possibly a banana-smile selfie competition.

The Environment team would also be running a treasure hunt/geocash competition as part of Global Week. SJ to meet with TM and JH to discuss.

11 Any other business

11.1 Environmental report for the University

LC requested that any comments or additions to the Environment report for the University be sent to her by the end of the day.

11.2 VCG report

SW and LC to meet to discuss and also to meet regularly to discuss Green Impact.

SW/LC

Date and time of next meeting

Friday 1 April – 10.00-12.00 – Q103/MRC