

Lynette had attended a workshop to find out what was needed and whilst there was a lot to do, it was achievable.

(iii) Carbon Management Plan

The group was required to report on progress at the first meeting of Council on 26 October.

The group would meet in September to discuss this.

JO

Lynette would prepare a draft in advance for members to look at prior to the meeting.

LJ

(iv) Centre for Sustainability and Innovation (CSI)

The centre had received £75,000 for each of two years which had been used as seed corn money for investigative research.

£35,000 remained which was rolling forward for next year but needed to be spent.

The projects should produce reports or presentations by January and it was suggested that these were used during Go Green Week.

4. Terms of Reference

There was lengthy discussion about the role and future of the group as in recent months the turnout at meetings had been diminishing.

It was agreed that there would be a poster campaign to raise awareness of the group and its successes and attract new members to reinvigorate the group.

LJ

Stuart would contact members to express the groups concerns and to establish whether they want to continue and if not to nominate a replacement.

SC

If this was unsuccessful Alan would write to Executive Deans.

It was suggested that support departments be included, that members change every two/three years and that the Chair be rotated around the Schools.

Victoria would update the terms of reference.

VJ

5. Sub-Groups

ABS – the group had met with the main focus being the launch in October of the MSc Social Responsibility and Sustainability. There was some interest, however, if not enough for a full-time cohort it would be offered as part-time distance learning.

HEFCE had visited ABS as they want to cite them as an exemplar for including sustainability in the curriculum.

EAS were introducing corporate responsibility into some of its MSc programmes.

6. **Other business**

Green League

The recent Green League results showed Aston in 12th place, however, the breakdown of scores indicated that Aston was awarded only 1 out of 10 for carbon management plan. This was queried and found to be incorrect (for the second year).

Aston has therefore maintained its 5th place and the website now shows a formal apology.

Next year the Green League intend to let institutions see their scores before they are published to that any issues can be addressed before publication.

Students

The 'zero waste' in halls of residence had been hugely successful and the students were very enthusiastic about the scheme.

It was hoped that if the new MSc programme in ABS runs then the students would establish a student society.

It was felt that more should be done to publicise successes to students to raise their awareness and thus encourage them to engage, eg a statement about the Green League on the front of the website.

Lynette and Victoria had met with David Farrow and he was keen to publicise successes.

Green Skills for Green Jobs

The VC was the keynote speaker at this event in November and the University had been asked to hold a seminar or an exhibition stand.

7. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be in September to prepare the report for Council.

JO