

Aston University

Sustainable Aston Working Group

Notes of the meeting held on 9 May 2011

Present: Christopher Brewster
Stuart Cooper (Chair)
Peter Hedges

Victoria Johnsen
Lynnette Jones
Peter Shearer

In attendance: Julie Ottley (Secretary)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Tom Axup, Andrew Bryers, Alan Charters, Frank Eperjesi, Helen Pattison.

2. Notes of last meeting

The notes of the previous meeting, held on 28 March 2011, were confirmed.

3. Matters arising

(i) Go Green Week

The dates for Go Green Week 2012 had been announced as 6-10 February.

Stuart confirmed that he would deliver his final year lecture on sustainability during this week and would also ask his colleagues within ABS to do likewise.

ACTION: All Schools to ascertain if there was scope for lectures featuring sustainability to be delivered during Go Green Week.

ALL

The idea of having one major event rather than many smaller events was discussed with the suggestion of a high profile speaker. The Group were asked to think about this.

ALL

Student engagement was difficult, however, Victoria would endeavour to continue to involve the Guild. Victoria would also try to recruit a People and Planet rep at the Freshers' Fare.

The Group felt that sustainability should be part of the curriculum in order to inspire students to think differently and thus it should be part of the 2020 Strategy. Julie would find out the current status of 2020 Strategy.

JO

(ii) EcoCampus

The University was currently working towards gold audit.

The audit was scheduled for 27 May with a site tour and meetings with appropriate people.

Training sessions were taking place on 16 and 18 May and details were available on the Staff Development website.

(iii) Carbon Management Plan

The Group were required to report on progress to the first meeting of Council in the next academic year. Julie to check the date of this. **JO**

Lynette would prepare a report on what has been implemented so far and the estimated savings. **LJ**

The Group would meet in September to review this prior to submission to Council. **JO**

(iv) HEFCE Project: Leading curriculum change for sustainability

John Blewitt was leading on this and the first meeting had taken place.

4. **CSI**

It was noted that the two-year funding period for CSI was due to end in July 2011 and proposals as to how to take CSI forward would be reported back at the next meeting. **SC**

5. **Terms of Reference**

Victoria circulated an updated Terms of Reference for the Group.

Members were asked to send their comments to Victoria. **ALL**

6. **Other business**

Farmers Market

Discussions were underway with Ben Smith to introduce a Farmers Market at the Students' Guild.

Sub-Groups

The Procurement Group was no longer meeting. Victoria was asked to consider if it should be reintroduced or if procurement should be part of a wider support services group.

VJ

7. **Date of next meeting**

To be arranged for beginning of July.

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