Sustainability Board

Monday 12th December 2022, 6:00-7:00pm, MS Teams

Attendance

Present:

* Amelie Anh Barone (Mile End) – [AB] **Chair**
* Leilani Van Someren, Mile End Sustainability Representative - LS

Apologies:

* NA

In attendance:

* Zoe Sturgess – Sustainability Coordinator – ZS
* Keenal Shah – Student at QM in 2nd year – Geography and Business management

Agenda item 1 – Welcome

* AB opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

Agenda item 2 – Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

* AB gave a brief overview of the minutes from the previous meeting
* AB updated that they have some ideas for Greenweek since the last meeting

Agenda item 3 - Updates from sustainability officers

* AB gave updates – low Canal Week attendance, need to be advertised more after exam season in Jan/Feb

Agenda item 4 –

* AB over £400 raised approximately
* A lot of swaps – will be following up with Roxy to get figures of the swaps and figure out how much CO2 is saved – based on t-shirts – so will be an underestimate
* People really enjoyed the jewellery so want to bring this back again
* Want to start earlier – didn't get set-up until 11am – first 2 hours people didn’t have a way to follow on social media etc due to barcode not being sorted
* People excited about February – workshops
* Want to do a poll to figure out popularity for the workshop options for January
* Another clothes swap after Feb? - will be discussing this with Roxy

Agenda item 5 – Green Week

* ZS – Run through of events to go ahead in Green Week, approximately 12 to be run

Agenda item 7 – Visual Advertisements

* LS – Recycling and cigarette butts posters – has been working on these – recycling poster as well – what you can and can’t recycle on Canva – wants to put these around campus
* Want to launch a campaign – bin your butts – biodiversity harming – reduce healthiness of the grass and environment – posters to go near the smoking areas

Agenda item 8 – Bins to litter-prone spaces

* LS - Most litter prone areas – e.g., where are the most cigarettes? - cigarette butts cleaned up a lot during the canal clean-up – map these areas as part of a campaign for more bins in some areas of campus
* AB – Added that we could make this more interesting – competition over a week – who can pick up the most cigarette butts – discount from ground? - to be looked into
* LS – Agreed would be good to have this kind of competition – could then weight the bags of cigarettes – make it shocking – e.g., “we found 500g of cigarettes here”

Agenda item 9 – Reusable cups

* Should dedicate some of the budget to reusable cups – available in the SU for hire – could be helpful for societies – same way societies borrow tables and chairs – has looked on Amazon – 100 cups for £17 - 200 could be reasonable – could get branded ones
* ZS – Mentioned that some other unis have done similar things – rental basis - £2 for a cup – either return the cup to get the £2 back or keep the cup for £2 - some issues with who would clean the cups and buy in more if none are returned – definitely something to explore
* KS – Campaign coordinator for environmental society – plant-based university – how to submit a policy motion?
* ZS – Said we would return to that in AOB

Agenda item 6 – Online sustainable alternatives

* AB – students don’t have time to find good sustainable alternatives – easier for students to just click on a link
* Will have to be built up over the year – like a catalogue – meat free alternatives too as this something students don’t think about
* LS – students can have an idea exchange – like a forum
* ZS – could look into doing an in person forum – do this as part of the Green Mary event in Green Week
* LS – happy to just to a Padlet – very easy to set up
* ZS – link to padlet can be embedded in the website

AOB

* ZS – explained to Keenal how to submit a motion – happy to arrange a sustainability drop-in if the society wants to go through anything
* KS – will send an email to arrange
* The next meeting will take place on January 23rd 2023 6-7pm –