

Sustainability Board

7 March 2022, 6:00-7:00pm, MS Teams

Attendance

Present:

- Tala Sammur, Sustainability Officer (Mile End) – [TS] **Chair**
- Rosa Hughes, Barts and the London Sustainability Representative – RH
- Alina Hassan, Mile End Sustainability Representative – AH
- Minahil Khan, Sustainability Officer (Barts and the London) – [MK]
- Magdalini Parouti, Charterhouse/West Smithfield/Lincoln's Inn Sustainability Representative – MP

In attendance:

- Tom Stockton, Sustainability Coordinator (Students' Union) – [THS]

Agenda item 1 – Welcome

- TS opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

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

- There were no comments on the previous meeting minutes.
- There were no matters arising.

Agenda item 3 – Updates from Sustainability Officers

- TS presented updates on her plans as Mile End Sustainability Officer;
 - Speaking to Book Club about collaboration for April. Sending out options for what to read with a sustainability/environmental theme. At the end of the month there's a discussion event. Asked Board for recommendations.
 - Has approached Sunny Jar Eco Hub about collaborating on a Fashion Revolution event in April such as a clothes swap.
 - The International Representative got in touch, with concerns about waste on campus where waste & recycling compartments lead into same bag. Plans to raise this with University staff.
- MK presented updates on her plans
 - Asked about cycle reward scheme Rosa mentioned last meeting
 - THS updated on the Sustain@BL Planetary Health Panel which took place in March and the allotment areas allocated to the group.

- MK plans to share specific proposals for improved green space at Whitechapel campus.

Agenda item 4 – Review of Green Week 2022

- TS noted that everything planned went successfully. At the Monday Green Social TS met lots of people and answered lots of questions.
- TS also attended the Careers Panel with the University and the ESG careers event held by the Banking and Finance society.
- THS updated on the sustainability careers session held as part of the Skills Award, which had 12 attendees. There are plans to repeat this session in future.
- AH thought the ESG event had 20/30 people and lots of engaging questions. Feedback from attendees suggested that a larger panel would be preferred for future events.
- Board members gave no major suggestions for changes ahead of next year's Green Week.

Agenda item 5 – Sustainability Awards: Categories

- THS introduced plans to recognise sustainability achievements by students and staff this year.
- Board members suggested that both Sustainability Volunteering and Innovation be recognised.
- Sustainability will also be included in the Education Awards for the first time this year with an award for 'Education for Sustainable Development' to recognise staff efforts to embed environmental issues into the curriculum.
- Sustainability Volunteer of the Year and Sustainability Impact Award (Group) will be included in the Volunteering Awards.
- THS invited board members to attend the Volunteering Awards in the Chaplaincy on April 7.

Agenda item 6 – Green Mary Sustainability Fund

- Board members discussed the launch of the Green Mary Sustainability Fund which offers all staff and students up to £500 towards their sustainability ideas. A full list of funded projects, with 3 from students and 4 from staff is now [available on the University website](#).

AOB

- This was the last meeting of the calendar year, TS & THS thanked everyone for their contributions this year. Elections for next year's Sustainability Board will begin on Thursday 10 March.