**Sustainability Board**

**24 January 2022, 5:30-6:30pm, Matt Spencer Board Room**

**Attendance**

Present:

* Alex Duponcheele (Whitechapel) - AD
* Lily Throssell (Mile End Sustainability Officer) - LT
* Laura Lachwicz (Mile End Representative) – LL

Apologies:

N/A

In attendance:

* Matthew James Beach – MB
* Josefina Kozarow – JK

**Agenda item 1 – Welcome**

* Ran through introductions
* No apologies recorded

**Agenda item 2 – Officer updates**

* LT updates and projects
	+ **Hog Friendly Litter Pick competition** – issues with evidence being sent in – nothing was sent in properly – but we got a certificate for people taking part – estimated we collected 19 bag overall – roughly 60 volunteers across the events – 105-120kg – Hertfordshire won with 79 bags and 91 volunteers – have a while to go to win! - Warrick was 2nd 77 – Cardiff 3rd – 33 bags
	+ **Scavenger Hunt Litter Pick** – Meant to happen in November – no sign-ups – trying again in February as part of Climate Action Week – Thursday 22nd Feb – not a lot of prep needed – posters can be printed and some social media
* AD updates
	+ Vaping campaign is ongoing
	+ Needs to
	+ Survey for the campaign – wants to do it during climate action week – discuss during climate action week
	+ Has sent an email to Amaan – not had a reply – will follow up
	+ Will be supporting Matthew on the project with plants – happy to be involved
	+ Monday – Wednesday happy to help out with Climate Action Week Events
	+ MB – reminded Alex of the project email

**Agenda item 3 – Rep updates**

* LL updates
	+ Laura offered to help with Lily’s event
	+ Mentioned student interested in fashion – LL will

**Agenda item 5 – Officer/Rep elections and nominations**

* ZS ran through how to nominate yourself
* Links shared
* Ran through role responsibilities
* Encouraged people to nominate their friends as well – only needs a brief description
* Will be asking Lily, Laura and Alex to record a video on their roles!

**Agenda item 5 – Climate Action Week**

* ZS ran through agenda
* MB ran through overview his event
* LT, LL and AD all will be supporting with events
* Discussed London Student Sustainability conference and volunteering for this

**Agenda item 6 – Updates from the university**

* ZS ran through team changes of the sustainability team – 2 people leaving in the next couple of months – but a new Sustainability Environment Manager and Sustainability Officer
* Climate Action Network is being set up – there will be a specific student focus group – details to follow on being involved with this
* Allotments are being redeveloped to create a more usable space for students – an ongoing process but work should start in the next month

**Agenda item 7 –**

* ZS ran through sustainability in the curriculum – Curriculum action network, want students involved, students are welcome at the meeting – need student input on a new sustainability module – non-credit bearing that all students would be able to take – will circulate details when the next meeting happens

**Agenda item 8 – Next Meeting**

* LT – Meeting could be online or in person
* LT, AD, LL, MB, JK all agreed it would be good to have in person
* Want to have a social – MB suggested the Griff or Old library – ZS and MB to look into this – have arranged another meeting to discuss
* Will take place on the 26th of Feb – straight after Climate Action Week – need to be pushing it and getting students interested during the week
* LT, AD, LL agreed for agenda items to be submitted by the 2nd Feb – ZS to have agenda finalised on the 9th of Feb to be circulated

**Agenda items – AOB**

* MB – bought up policy – explained the background behind the policies – going through all of them currently – trying to unify it all and bring them together into a stronger policy – nullifying and replacing them with more “current” and up to date policies
* “Should the SU introduce
* Another re: Climate Emergency and the SU declaring a climate emergency
* All agreed to add this as an agenda discussion point for the next session
* Arranged a meeting to discuss the arrangements for the next board meeting and social on the 26th