**Sustainability Board**

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

**Attendance**

Present:

* Alex Duponcheele (Whitechapel) - AD
* Lily Throssell (Mile End Sustainability Officer) - LT
* Laura Lachowicz (Mile End Susainability Rep) - LL
* Zoe Sturgess (Sustainability Coordintator) - ZS

Apologies:

N/A

In attendance:

* Iulia Precup – IP
* Amjad Khan - AK
* Sadaf Shahava – SS
* Vasu Gupte – VG
* Kavi Qurashi – KQ
* Hiya Khatri – HK

**Agenda item 1 – Welcome**

AD and LT opened the meeting and welcomed all the attendees

Introductions of all attendees

**Agenda item 2 – Officer/Rep updates**

* AD – updates on his campaign – hope to get a survey out soon, followed by a poster campaign, with hopes to get some bins from the BLSA students’ association
* LT – Hog litter pick – didn’t win – collected about 19 bags – with 60 volunteers – 105-120kg of litter – Hertfordshire was 1st with 79 bags – next year it will be up to the next officer to sign us up – Thursday 22nd Feb has scavenger hunt litter pick – 13 sign-ups – 10 people attended – rain may have played a factor – everyone seemed to enjoy it – Lily's team won – 3 people were in each team – so 3 vouchers need to be sent
* LT – rest of the year – want to do some planting things – cold and wet

**Agenda item 3 – Universities, sustainability and climate crisis**

* IP – managed to get a free ticket to the conference – was just interested – not as a representative – sharing practices and policies – most relevant point for us – People and Planet University League UK – we are 31st – scored low in waste – policies and practices – not much data available – not sure who they contact – 70/100 environmental, 20/100 ethical investment – lowest is energy sources
* Also outcomes of COP28 – this was discussed at the event – happy to share more detailed notes

**Agenda item 4 – Allotment updates**

* ZS – updated on the allotments – closed at the moment – hopefully will be a chance for students to get involved once all of the items have been bought – summer volunteering potential

**Agenda item 5 – Canal clean-ups moving forwards**

* LT – Discussed when we want them – Fridays or Wednesdays – both could be good
* ZS – mentioned training up students to run more canal cleans as capacity is limited
* KQ – Could we have programs after term-time?
	+ ZS mentioned about students not being around to make up numbers, but usually sign-post to external opportunities
* SS – chatted about her project with wavemakers – over food – group of 5 students – more students could join this – Gemma, from wavemakers, has resources to help with this

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

* ZS – ran through the changes to the team and how it works
* Opportunities to work together – Uni is always looking for more engagement from students – students action group

**Agenda item 7 – How Students can get involved**

* ZS – ran through SCAN network and how students can get involved
* Student action group – subgroups students can get involved with – food, allotments/biodiversity, curriculum

**Agenda item 8 – Climate Action Week Reflections**

* AD – update and fed back on climate action week – Mini greenhouses – moss – in the Old Library – hope they will be open for everyone to see in the coming weeks – successful – 8-10 people attended – LSSC24 conference – LT and AD volunteered on the day
* LT – Wick thrift shop – external company – came in and had a charity shop on campus – took some good videos – all positive – Tuesday had recycle your cycle – was a very cold day – in Library square – 3 bikes sold – so very quiet – would have been better on a warmer day – protest may have also deterred people – will hopefully run in welcome week
* KQ – felt the skills workshop was really inspiring – really enjoyed talking to the speaker – washing machine – like the entrepreneurial side
* LT – was for the skills award – only available for people who hold a position – lots of people aren’t in those positions – so would be unavailable for them

**Agenda items – AOB**

* SS - Gandhi – trying to engage students – do a workshop – happy to do it for free – will put in contact with ZS
* Next meeting – do we want another one? - group decided they wanted a sustainability social – picnic – the group will organise – teams chat set-up – students to pull the event together for April – ZS to support