**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

Apologies:

In attendance:

* Matthew Beach – VP Communities - MB
* Jovani Palnoni – VPHSS – JP
* Adam Khan - AK
* Prapthi Harish - PH
* Mehreen Khan – MK
* Princy Maan - PM
* Jaya Goyel - JG
* Evelyn Bejide - EB
* Bhuvana Chilukwi - BC
* Florence Merrick - FM
* Mekvnoosh Zolfaghary - MZ
* Hemont Kumar - HK
* Scott Doyle - SD
* Suyash Sharma - SS
* Tristan St John Cooper – TJC
* Nithin Bhuvanesh Sini - NBS
* Weiping Ring - WR
* Yuchan Zhou - YZ

*26 in attendance – not all names gathered*

**Agenda item 1 – Welcome**

AD and LT opened the meeting and welcomed all the attendees

Introductions of all attendees

**Agenda item 2 – Officer updates**

* LT updates and projects
  + Litter and composting are focus areas
  + Wants to create more green spaces on campus
  + Part of this is creating an allotment focus group
  + Wants to create an online group/page (padlet) for students to share sustainability ideas and alternatives
* AD updates
  + fossil fuels are a focus, but to be covered later in the meeting as a large subject (uni’s approach to fossil fuel interaction),
  + getting students into horticulture – developing a medicinal garden
* LL updates
  + students complaining about vegan options, get posters, documentaries shown
  + Allotments and making campus greener, but also want to work in the surrounding areas
  + Thinking about renewable energy, lights are on a lot in areas where there aren’t people – automatic lighting is a problem

**Agenda item 3 – Re-Use Fair updates**

* Sustainability coordinator – ZS – updated on this
  + Good attendance – over 400 students
  + Student feedback positive about the new system
  + A few areas for improvement but overall, the tickets worked well

**Agenda item 4 – Black history month**

* MB – gave an overview on current BHM projects
* PhD student – school of geography – film making – race and environmentalism
* AD - Black maternal health – being a black mother – how their care will affect their child
* Could do a short skit on this
* Mentee – racist comments on Barts campus – university has actioned this – suspended
* Aboriginal awareness in Australia – referendum around this in Australia – not making international - could this be a discussion point

**Agenda item 5 – Sustainability Week**

* Hackathons – coders, marketing, business ideas
* Student social media contributions discussed - SD – can students make film coverage?
* Getting societies involved

**Agenda item 6 – Comms strategy**

* LT– accommodation on campus – are there any posters – could be writing articles - discussion opened up for ideas
* Focus on using trending audios
* Free things – vegetables that students can take
* Could we put a document together around comms?
* Hashtags could be used - #sustainability week #sustainable fashion is the highest trending – having our own hashtag could be a good idea
* Talking to media students to create contents – a short video of the canal clean for example
* YouTube videos and interview videos - could we start a YouTube channel?
* Working with film students – time lapses – SD
* Build a student focus group on this - ZS

**Agenda items – AOB**

* Recycling – what you can and can’t recycle – especially in uni accommodations.
  + Educate about how to recycle.
  + Get a platform to talk about sustainability.
  + Get transparency about the recycling system at uni – what does mixed litter mean? what happens afterwards, is it eventually recycled?

* AD – fossil fuels, general plan
  + Discuss finances, go to the development board to discuss about the energy usage within the university, gas usage, etc.
  + Strategy – 3 ways:
  + Lobbying: create a motion and collect signatures to make uni more energy-efficient
  + Action
  + Protest in front of the university, if all else fails

* Future board meetings: keep having them in person if possible + less formal room to allow people to socialize more and talk in a more relaxed way

* Sustainability action group for students – create a sign-up sheet
* MB- updated on future of role and other projects: outdoor classrooms: camper van or other options – hub for students and community