

**Environment and Sustainability Sub-Committee**

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| **Meeting details** | | | |
| **Meeting name** | **Environment and Sustainability Sub-Committee** | | |
| **Date** | **Tuesday 1st February 2023** | **Time** | **18:00– 19:00** |
| **Location** | The Hive, Students’ Union, Plymouth Campus | | |

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| **Minutes** | |
| **1.**  **Welcome** | Emina Sora – Student  Daniella Marley – President  Will Kerry – Part-time Environment and Sustainability Officer  Amy Bennett - Environment Officer (Compliance and Projects)  Matthew Tosdevin - Environment Officer (Engagement & Projects)  Tracy Priestman – Representation and Democracy Manager |
| **2.**  **Attendance / Apologies** | None |
| **3.**  **Minutes of last meeting** | Accepted as true and accurate record |
| **4. Notification of any other business** | None |
| **5 Matters to discuss** | Green Week Planning   * Tracy noted that the comms team were going to push the quality standards survey again, Daniella said they could also mention it on the Insta Takeover. * The Sustainability Town Hall pre-record is in the diary for 2nd March and question submission will be open for three weeks on the SU website and Instagram. * Looking at group trips to Chelston Meadow, dates TBC * Looking at UCSP prices on alternative milks and meat free Monday for GW * Matt noted that 14 people are trained to be facilitators for Climate Fresk and the plan is to have sessions of ten.   Discussed timings – Wednesday has less teaching but often student group activities. See when facilitators are available.   * Considered having a debate again. Daniella to contact Debate Soc * Possible BioBlitz the week before run by James Buckley * Matt noted the Beryl bikes launch the week before, look at getting them on campus * Amy contacting the Rebel Botanist * Daniella to speak to the save the trees group * Other ideas included films and quiz * Engage students to share recommendations around favourite green books – are the library doing anything? * Links to Green career info – Tracy to speak to careers * Links to where to recycle * Student Switch Off campaign   Emina Sora joined the meeting, they explained they worked for the university, cleaning and that there needs to be more information about recycling.  Emina explained that cleaners often see cross contamination. Matt agreed and noted that in a survey of a bin in the SU, 57% of what was in the recycling bin, could not be recycled.  Matt noted there is an A-Z of recycling guide on the Sharepoint and that there is a quiz and game that can be used for Green Week.  Emina thought that it was both staff and students that need more education/training as the bins in the art studios are often filled with things that are suitable for recycling or reuse. Amy suggested that the technicians in those areas could benefit from some training.  Emina also noted the need for something to be put on cups to say that disposable paper cups are not recyclable. Matt explained that he is currently working on a reusable cup scheme. Amy suggested that some of the ‘ditch the disposables’ messaging might be relevant.  Daniella suggested that a design competition for the reusable cup scheme could be launched in Green Week.  Short discussion around food waste and recent legislation requiring councils to collect this. Cafes on campus do recycle food waste. Daniella noted that lots of issues with mess and fly-tipping are blamed on students but are actually down to landlords not providing green bins or enough bins. Bins can be ordered by students but most are not aware of this. |
| **11. AOB** | None |
| **12. Dates for the diary** | Green Week w/c 25th March 2023 |
|  | **End of meeting** |