

**Environment and Sustainability Sub-Committee**

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| **Meeting details** | | | |
| **Meeting name** | **Environment and Sustainability Sub-Committee** | | |
| **Date** | **Tuesday 6th December 2022** | **Time** | **18:00 – 19:00** |
| **Location** | The Hive , Students’ Union, Plymouth Campus | | |

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| **Minutes** | |
| **1.**  **Welcome** | Will Kerry – Part-time Environment and Sustainability Officer  Eleanor Moody – Part-time students with Disabilities Officer  Adam Holt – School of Engineering, Computing and Maths Rep  Matthew Tosdevin - Environment Officer  Amy Bennett – Environment Officer  Tracy Priestman – Representation and Democracy Manager |
| **2.**  **Attendance / Apologies** | Daniella Marley – President |
| **3.**  **Minutes of last meeting** | Accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting |
| **4. Notification of any other business** | N/A |
| **5 Matters to discuss** | Green Week Planning  MT noted that NUS Switch Off may be doing something with Halls  Action: TP and MT to investigate this  Ideas included:   * Meat free options on menus * Meet free stalls and tasters, including cakes, alternative milks * Plant based world recipe book * Student group involvement * ‘accidental’ vegan food * Information/activities about energy/waste * Water deficit, blue heath/blue therapy. Possible challenges about how much water you use * Climate Fresk <https://climatefresk.org/>   Action: MT to look into Climate Fresk sessions   * Sustainability Town Hall for students   Action: TP to follow up with Kevin Jones   * Forum that week * Student engagement in the campus plan, especially Brunel space * Info/tours of sustainable buildings/initiatives   Please feel free to add ideas to the Google whiteboard ‘Jam board’ <https://jamboard.google.com/d/1aVCAnuGhjFIW3kLJAhPljIw65cMWfMaOAg5oMGfcM0I/edit?usp=sharing>  Discussion around green roof space and the balance between using the space for solar. Also, the use of blue roofs and drainage.  Coffee Cups  MT explained that he is looking into the possibility of a campus wide reusable cup scheme and would like to get more feedback from students. At the moment, there is nothing set about how it would work.  Other institutions have a cup sleeve to show that you are part of the scheme. Some more consideration needs to be given to the details before seeking feedback.  Divestment  Question around ethical investment and if any progress has been made with regards to getting the university divest. AB noted that this could be followed up, at the moment there is no investment in fossil fuels, but no clear policy currently prohibits future investment.  People and Planet  AB reported that the university’s People and Planet Score had dropped from what it had been previously. There were a number of reasons for this including stricter marking and it not being seen as a priority by UEG.  AB noted that there are several standards that the university could work towards/maintain and student feedback would be useful. AB will create a feedback for TP to share with students |
| **11. AOB** | None |
| **12. Dates for the diary** | Green Week 25th March  Next Sub-Committee meeting in February |
|  | **End of meeting** |