



Environment Committee Meeting – 16-04-2021

Attendance: KB (Environment Rep), SWC (President), MP (Vice-President), AA, JN, EB, CW, LA

Apologies: CM

Absent: GM, EK

Location: Zoom

KB Know it's been a hard term and things have been a little chaotic, what are our thoughts, what are ideas for when things open up a bit? I've got a few points on the agenda but feel free to bring anything up

JN What are our plans for recycling?

KB Last meeting GM and others spoke about improving recycling on the bailey – currently lacking in recycling bins

SWC We'll be putting big ikea-esque bags in people's rooms and they will have to take it out – I think that's fair, and putting a receptacle is enough – might be worth making a note of this in KB's handover as this will be a thing every year. We may be able to get a contribution from college as it's only about £50.

LA Is it worth putting a sheet in a communal area explaining what it is? Makes it clear and can be eye-catching.

KB Getting a poster out and mentioning on social media is a good idea. There's a table that Greenspace do, and we aren't too high on it, but this should help us do better.

Social media

KB I think our recent insta posts have been really good

LA As do I – we could do more stories – a couple of years ago on the welfare team LM would spam the IG story so it kept being at the top, it was very interesting and I would check it daily. It could up numbers and engagement etc.

KB Engagement is key – posts are regular, we should be getting more on board from other cuth's pages

JN Can we do more info when new facilities are available to be used?

AA I can do an IG post about the sustainability document.

KB It's all going well, appreciate everyone is currently busy. AW (Pres-elect) mentioned that we could do something for Freshers - potentially something in the Freshers' handbook.



LA I've put a few links into the doc recently – in terms of recycling, we could do a post about what livers out can do, the council are good, but we could share extra info

KB Does anyone have any ideas for May's theme?

JN Something Ocean related with Sea-spiracy.

KB Had some messgaes on the IG about doing a watch party for it.

LA We could do sustainability goals and how to promote them – at the end we can address the links

KB Could get speakers, I have had some

JN Noam Chomsky? He responds to emails

MP That would be HUGE

SWC He did the Durham Union, so who knows.

KB another college got someone to run a talk for clothes for a fast fashion thing, so big names are suprisingly gettable

Projects

KB for Green Move Out, JN is the bailey rep, we havent done loads yet but it'll be big next term. There's a facebook group set up that all can join if they aren't already in it.

KB Litter-pick – with other colleges on social media, we're hoping to do an inter-collegiate litter pick, have a league table with designated spaces where ou can get bags etc, come up with some routes – Mary's and Hild Bede did a couple last term.

Collaborations

KB Ugly Fruit Group Collab – it went decently, engagement was ok-ish, but with more people in durham I think collabs are a good idea this term.

EB Not 100% informed, but we could do somehting on intersectional environmentalism. So I think we could do that.

LA We could do a quick fact sheet about sustainable black owned companies to help support that movement.

SWC If you want inter-cuth's collabs femsoc and Anti-racist soc

KB I spoke with Anti-Racism soc and it never came to fruition, we wanted to work on it. Want to go onto new directions – it's about caring for the planet in a wider sense.

LA Link to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Issues are so interlinked, and it would be interesting to collaborate, make it a discussion. People will learn through engagement- we could do an outdoor event or something.



KB I think coming out of lockdown we can talk about why environment should matter now more than ever. Inclusivity should be important.

AA we could promote good work in the local area? Link to SDGs.

KB Pick out local groups and academics

LA Could we look into setting up a twitter account?

MP I'm sceptical personally. JCR engagement on twitter is awful. I don't think the JCR twitter has got 3 likes since Freshers' week. It could work if effort went into it, I just think IG is a better platform

KB I think there's a potential to do well with activist stuff on the platform.

KB The durham on ecosia movement. I've ended taking that over, so while it's not part of our committee I think it's related, so I will share some of their resources. Once things open up we should interact with other colleges.

LA Similar to sustainability doc, we could do a vegan/veg recipe book – tried and tested. Could be good to encourage reduced meat consumption. People who move out from bailey in 2nd year could use the resource – could be added to and grow

KB we could use a new IG feature to do a sort of booklet. Links to ugly fruit group.

LA We could even just do one big one with every college.

KB Anything comes up let me know! I'll share any ideas/issues from people who couldn't make it in the facebook group. If you see any posts we should/could share send them to me.