



# Environment Committee Meeting – 02.11.2021

Attendance: GM (Environment Chair), AW (President), KM (VP), EL, MB, SY, SR, GP

Apologies: MA, AA,

Absent:

Location: Study Room

## Updates

GM: So far this year I designed posters to put up in the kitchens for freshers, things about water use etc telling them not to kill the earth basically. We have applied for a grant to expand the bailey wardrobe. We are putting forward a motion to put the bailey wardrobe manager on environment comm so we can help with the scheme, there is a lot of work to be done with it but I think we could help. There is just a lot of stock between the colleges. I also assembled this committee. As for roles, MA is social media manager, SY is events manager, AA is the embrace the waste rep, green space and su rep is still up for grabs - green space is the uni wide initiative and you would represent cuths to them. Everyone else is a general committee member

## Bailey Wardrobe

GM: Just touched on, as it stands we have stock for the bailey wardrobe - we don't have a full inventory though. Ultimately we want it to be up on a website that people can book out. We need to take pictures of the dresses, know what we have and ask Hatfield and Johns what they have before further developing it into a website. It won't be ready for michaelmas?

AW: We can't hire out anything yet because we don't know what we have let alone what Johns and Hatfield have

## Events & Campaigns

GM: I would like to run an event at the end of term. We will decide on a social media campaign. What events do you guys want to run and what campaigns? One I would like to run is how to be more sustainable at christmas in december but I would like us to run one in november

SY: What scale of events are we thinking about?

GM: Realistically turnout won't be huge. Last year we ran a pub quiz online but no one beyond the committee went. We also did a litter picking with Castle and we had about 10



people. We could do something like a litter pick - it needs to be something that we are doing for sustainability purposes. One thing I thought about was a paint your own climate strike banner for a durham or global climate strike

EL: For December we could do an advent calendar of endangered animals and other things we are losing to climate change, things like that AS instagram posts?

MB: Like an advent calendar of how to be more sustainable in different ways on instagram?

GM: Last year we did 24 days with 24 ways to be more sustainable with shop local, shop second hand, sustainable paper etc. I would be conscious that finding 24 different things this year would be difficult but we definitely should do a post with ways to be more sustainable at christmas

SR: For an event we could do a clothes swap/donation?

AW: Fashion show were talking about doing one of those

GM: I hear a collab! We could also do a book swap maybe in collab with the library even on a lending basis. There was talk of a clothing swap last year but there wasn't a lot of engagement because people bring a limited amount of clothes to uni but we could think about it as a campaign. We do green move out at the end of the year and try and get a lot of donations then

SY: We could do something like bring anything but a glass to reuse things in your house that you would normally throw away for a social event or like a wear anything but clothes type of social event

GM: I have spoke with outreach about a beach clean but that would be in summer, I think it has been done before with good engagement

EL: It is a little touchy at the minute but with catering if there was the option to bring your own tupperware to get a takeaway or take your leftovers to reduce food waste

AW: I think it is an option for next term. They should stop giving out trays as you apparently take 25% more when you have a tray and so waste more. We could push for trays to go and I know there has been push for that before for them not to give out trays

GM: All of their fruit is packages that are half plastic half paper and they use a lot of single use plastic cups but also I really understand why they kind of have to at the minute with covid and short staffing

AW: I think next term will be better to approach them for improvements

## College Initiatives

GM: Does anyone have anything they would like to happen in college that we can work on over the year? I know there is a talk of a bike shed on the bailey



AW: I know TW (Principal) really wants a bike shed and I think there will definitely be one by the end of the year

GM: I think the bike shed will just be racks under a cover

MB: Ashtrays for the tables outside so people aren't just throwing cigs into the garden?

AW: The difficulty is that they aren't meant to smoke in the garden and the only place they would put ashtrays would be up on chunder bridge

MB: Library bar has those disposable ashtrays that we could at least have them for people to take optionally?

AW: It's a good idea but I don't think you would get it past the bar committee. Even the one in the brooks courtyard isn't meant to be there.

GM: A bin even at the entrance by the flower beds outside brooks would be useful

AW: We have no double glazing on the bailey - it would be bloody expensive but even if you did just one house it would make a difference. The radiators have to be so high just to keep the building warm

GM: One thing I am thinking is labelling of bins in the kitchen so it is very clear what is the split for the recycling

AW: I never figured out the bucket was for glasses my whole year in brooks

GM: We need to label them for cardboard, plastic, tins and if college want us to split them specifically it needs to be clear. Also the big bins outside would be a good idea to label. The fact that bin bags are not recyclable isn't known- I used to rip open the recycling bin bag to put the recycling in but if even one person puts their recycling in a bin bag into the big bins the whole bin goes to landfill

AW: Vinyl stickers can be done

GM: The council doesn't do food waste, I have emailed the council but they haven't got back to me :(

SR: We could try do that as a campaign

GM: I have thought about a compost thing in the house 8 garden with gardening soc. It would be an expensive project and we would need someone through the years to compost. It is not a fun job and it's smelly

## Newsletter

GM: I have been asked if we want an environmental fact of the week in the newsletter - does anyone want this job? You could do it upfront with 20 or you could wait for the week it could be more topical about what is going on?



## AOB

GM: If you aren't on the facebook let me know and I'll add you

AW: If you are a method III officer which is what you all are, it is the same thing as being elected in the meeting. It is a serious position, others want your role and you need to treat this as the responsibility that it is. Let us know if you can't make it to the meeting - ideally with notice. That goes for JCR meetings, they are important to attend because things happen in them that affect the environment committee so if you're not there the representation might not be there and secondly it is important to understand the way everything else in the JCR works. Expectations on managing workload is that if someone has asked you for something, try do it within three days and if you can't do it within that time get back to them and tell them when you can do it by