

WSU Sustainability Committee Minutes

Tuesday 04/04/23

Agenda

	Item	Responsible	Timing
1	Welcome and Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Shona 	AL	1 min
2	Matters Arising/Minutes approval	AL	10 mins
3.	Digital carbon Footprint	ARE	3 mins
4.	Single use plastics audit	ARE	5 mins
5.	Update from University Sustainability Strategy Group-RF Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Someone to attend in absence 	AL	7 mins
6.	GISU Update	ASB	5 mins
7.	SU Operational Plan 2022-23	AL	5 mins
8.	BID Sustainability Breakfast	ASB/SW	5 mins
9.	T-shirts	AL	5 mins
10.	AOB	AL	3 mins

Attendance

Al Linforth	President	AL
Antonia Rossiter-Eaglesfield	Director of Representation and membership Services	ARE
Anna-Symone	Student Communities Coordinator	ASB
Clement Servini	Marketing, Communications and Commercial Manager	CS
Sarah Czyrko	Finance and Admin Assistant	SC
Shona Williams	Venue and Events Supervisor	SW

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3	<p>Digital Carbon Footprint</p> <p>ARE updated that we will need to wait to hear about what the University are planning as it will predominately be about our building and up to them what they want to do with our building - but we will work together on whatever the plan looks like. ACTION 01: Al to get ARE onto the Uni Sustainability Strategy Group Meeting.</p>																					
4	Single use Plastics Audit																					

	<p>The audit from the handover was pre-pandemic and quite a basic audit. ARE has restarted the audit and ASB and ARE have discussed that it could be nice to have more detail. The current audit focuses predominantly on bar elements, but it is felt that it should cover all areas of the SU such as toilets, kitchen area, HR etc... It is also felt the audit needs more of an explanation for sections such as if we don't use alternatives to plastic why don't we.</p> <p>ACTION 02: ASB and ARE will work on this and circulate round when have improved this more and think it could be useful to take it to an all-staff meeting</p>
5	<p>Update from University SSG</p> <p>Meeting focused on accelerating action for SDG's, how we get the SDGs more visible. The SDG teach in - month long campaign in March University of Worcester usually comes 10th overall so in the next meeting we will see what position we came. We gave the SU report update, spoke about the Repair Café and future opportunities for bringing the Repair Café onto campus. The, SSG were pleased with the turnout. Updated on Go Green week as it had just happened, the group were successful and happy with it. Currently awaiting the GGW 2023 video to be released. ACTION 03: CS to go in place of ASB and AL at the next SSG and feedback to the committee.</p>
6	<p>GISU Update</p> <p>ASB and AL have gone through and checked each criterion and are confident there is evidence to upload for every criterion. Submission is on the 4th of May, but the aim is to have it all submitted a few days before that.</p>
7	<p>Ops plan 2022-23</p> <p>Progressing well with all areas of the ops plan - repair café, updating breastfeeding clinic, cost of living campaign plan, Duckworth trust litter pick street champion, sustainable procurement group. Officers are lobbying local MPs - Robin Walker, Mike Spouse but are now lobbying labour candidate Tom and have a meeting with them so hopefully an update is pending - ACTION 04: AL and ASB to update the ops plan with the progress we have been making.</p>
8	<p>BID Sustainability Breakfast</p> <p>SW gave update that it was a nice event. There were talks about waste management in a more sustainable way, and realised it was from the organisation that currently do our bins. Spoke to someone from City Council who spoke about a free online decarbonisation audit tool and this audit can be used and feeds into our GISU submission. It was nice to speak to other businesses of Worcester including a woman who runs a Florist in the court.</p>
9	<p>T-shirts</p>

	Discussion around staff t-shirts, being not very sustainable because we put dates on them.
	Open up discussion about whether we remove dates on t-shirts so we can reuse them. Also dates on merchandise could be removed or be really creative and badge things as vintage and sell them. CS updated that when we are selling merchandise to students, tend to put dates on it because they want to be associated with that year and it seems to have worked well this year as all the t-shirts sold out. We do have the generic purple staff t-shirts that do not include dates. Welcome festival stuff tends to be guided by University so there is less of a say in that. Spoke about designs being different each year so would still be appealing to students without the dates on. Spoke about the need to sell the TeamWorc t-shirts and these don't have dates on them.
	AOB
	Thatcher's tree planting initiative: SW updated that Thatcher's have given us an apple tree so we need to plan somewhere to put it and who will be involved in the planting of it. ACTION 05: ASB to add Thatcher tree into Green Impact Submission.

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