

Midlands Regional Meeting

29th June 2017

University of Northampton

Attendees:

Claire Mitchell	EAUC	Member Community Officer
Sophie Woods	EAUC	Events and Communications Officer
Simon Pole	University of Northampton	University of Northampton
Katy Boom	University of Worcester	Director of Sustainability
Selina Fletcher	Coventry University	Sustainability Manager
Deborah Southwell	Birmingham City University	Environment Manager
Peter Edwards	University of Birmingham	Sustainable Travel Development Officer
David Chapman	University of Warwick	Sustainability Champion
Liz Hunt	Aston University	Energy, Environment and Sustainability Officer
Rosemary Horry	University of Derby	Corporate Lead for Environment and Sustainability

Apologies:

Andrew Bryers
Huw Evans
Alan Carr

Aston University
Keele University
Sustainability West Midlands

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EAUC Update – Claire Mitchell

Brexit Webinar recording and resources available on the Webinar section of the Events page
A Brexit survey will be sent out and we want to hear member's views on how it might impact their roles.

Green Gown Awards 2017 Finalists and venue will be announced on 5th July.

Legal Spotlight June 2017 emailed and available online.

Save the date – **EAUC Annual Conference 2018**, 19th – 21st June at Keele University.

New Circular Economy Community of Practice set up as an online discussion group but depending on demand it may move into a more structured group with a convenor and meetings.

EAUC and Better World Books Partnership to work together to locate book banks which will provide students, staff and the wider community with a convenient and easy way to donate books that they no longer want. Books that are collected will be processed and listed for sale on www.betterworldbooks.co.uk. Contact mbourne@betterworldbooks.co.uk quoting "EAUC 2017".

EAUC staff changes – Nina Bartlett now on Maternity Leave, Sophie Woods is her replacement. Jenny Brees, Finance Officer, has also left.

Introduction to University of Northampton – Simon Pole

Moving to a new £350m site (Waterside campus) in Sept 2018, part of wider regeneration of Northampton

Biomass boiler, District Heating System, LED Lighting, no main student parking on new campus
Park and Ride option being looked at

Silver Green Apple award – Zero to Landfill, Great Green Star Award 2016 – continuous environment improvement, Green Level 2017, Green Impact Gold Students Union, NUS Green Fund, Green House Award Scheme

Challenges – Financial challenges from building new campus, Salix funding bid refused by Finance Director, large free car park currently changing to zero for students, new ways of working will take time for staff and students to adapt, difficulty in amending Carbon Management Plan especially regarding targets which was written before new campus was planned.

Action: Carbon Management Plan meeting suggested. CM to send Doodlepoll with July dates. Virtual meeting preferred

Roundtable Discussion

Birmingham City University – looking at CMP as dated, refreshing Estates Strategy, developing Waste Management Strategy, changes in some campus buildings (moving out), looking at waste reduction targets, waste contract going out to tender, water deregulation and procurement, Sustainable Catering Strategy with Baxter Storey, branding Environment work with Comms team, Travel Plan requires updating with staff and student survey, ESD mapping exercise, 140001 internal audit.

Action: DS and RH to discuss options of BCU and Derby internal auditing

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Aston University – 140001 Transition Audit integrating with 50001, adjusting waste targets and behaviour change, reusable cups push with catering, SKA for refurb, staff engagement schemes. University of Warwick – Sustainability Champion vacancy, carbon emissions down to lowest point of a decade, new buildings including Innovation and Sports Hub will be energy intensive, Strawbale building design by students for students work in progress, Carbon Management Plan and Sustainability Strategy amended and review, Conference Centres entered Green Tourism Award, awaiting results, working on waste policy and resourcing issues, number of BHF collection bins increased, recyclable / disposable cup issues, Go Green Week 2018, expanded cycle hub spots and Sustainable Food and Biodiversity Policies reviewed.

University of Birmingham – new building in Dubai and old city centre HSBC building purchased, massive capital projects over next 10 years, parking impact and issues, Business Travel, Clean Air Day Showcase, link to academics, operational staff and students, Santander bike scheme finalists

University of Derby – 140001 audit in August, reviewing procedures and documentation, food waste issues, 'Boris' bike scheme initiative with Derby Council, Flexible Framework

Coventry University – Working towards 50001, travel plan and survey, bike schemes, procurement, new sites in Dagenham and Scarborough, good support from Students Union, an improvement on previous years, addressing CSR (vagueness) in Corporate Strategy.

Emerging Leaders Programme – Katy Boom and Selina Fletcher

<http://susthingsout.com/>

In partnership with EAUC Members in the Midlands Sustainable Education Network, the EAUC with the University of Worcester and Coventry University are developing a pioneering new programme to equip emerging sustainability leaders with the essential skills and knowledge they need to deliver change in their institutions.

The pilot programme will be delivered by Katy Boom, Director of Sustainability, University of Worcester; Selina Fletcher, Sustainability Manager, Coventry University and Gill Slater, Director of Personal and Organisational Development at University of Worcester.

Starting on the **26th July 2017** with the initial session at Coventry University, the programme will be delivered over a 10 month period with 5 delivered content sessions and 5 'action learning set' sessions throughout the year.

Provisional Session Dates:

12th or 13th September 2017

1st or 2nd February 2018

10th or 11th April 2018

13th or 14th June 2018

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Learning from others is an essential part of the programme; action learning sets and online knowledge sharing will provide the tools for this.

Learning outcomes:

Coaching skills

Leadership models and theories

Change management

Project management

Collaboration

Cross sector work and knowing your networks

Personal resilience

The business case

Negotiating skills

Emerging trends and models for sustainability

Effective communication

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