

Wales Branch Meeting (Virtual)

6th June 2017

Present:

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| Tom Yearley | Chair | Head of Sustainability Delivery | UWTSD |
| Mark Durdin | Secretary | Maintenance Officer (Energy & Sustainability) | Cardiff University |
| Keith Sims | | Maintenance Engineer | Cardiff University |
| Claire Mitchell | | Member Community Officer | EAUC |
| Jennifer Lloyd | | Green Engagement Officer | UWTSD |
| Katrina Henderson | | Assistant Director, Environment | Cardiff University |
| Siriol Leach | | Sustainability Project Officer and Membership Assistant | NUS Wales |
| Ceris Harries | | Director of Estates & Operational Services | Coleg Sir Gar |

Apologies:

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| Rachel Roberts | Environmental Performance Manager | Cardiff Met University |
| Nikki Shuttleworth | HS&S Officer | Cambria Coleg |

EAUC Update:

Transport Community of Practice, 13th June, Loughborough University – focus on Active Travel especially cycling storage and bike hire scheme -

http://www.eauc.org.uk/shop/mms_single_event.php?event_id=5526

‘How will BREXIT impact on the work of the EAUC’ Webinar – 27th June, 2pm, hosted by Iain Patton, EAUC CEO and Dr Jane Davidson, UTWSD -

http://www.eauc.org.uk/shop/mms_single_event.php?event_id=5605

Green Gown Awards Stage 1 deadline is 7th June

Legal Spotlight available (sent out quarterly) - http://www.eauc.org.uk/legal_spotlight

Membership and participation:

TY reported back from notes taken during discussion with Iain Patton regarding the Delivering Performance Gap Solutions event held at University of Oxford in May which looked at exploring the opportunities and challenges presented by approaches to capital project delivery which can realise significantly improved operational energy performance. Well attended with 100 delegates.

TY also attended the Future Business Council hosted by Marks and Spencer in May. Approximately 8 -1- delegates from HE. Senior reps from private sector including Sky, WSP, PwC, HSBC. Opportunities for HFE and business sector to work closer together. Acknowledgment that the student experience and journey very different to previous years. Students expect more value out of education and there is some confusion over what the industry wants from Universities. Sustainability needs to be embedded into the curriculum. Post Brexit, the skill shortages will need to be addressed. Careers and employment for engineers need to be more inviting especially to UK graduates. Blue chip companies need to engage with VCs and Senior Leadership. Feedback from the event included it was too London centric and the companies were perhaps too large for significant engagement.

EAUC Advocacy Group:

Yet to be defined but forms part of the new EAUC strategy with aims to support, educate and inform. HFE and communities. Regional groups and Community of Practice are included in this. Opportunities to represent voices of the relatively smaller institutions on a national stage.

Focus:

Wales Branch Survey sent out - low response from members

Next meeting should be face to face

Future Generations Act Wales a good topic for agenda – legislative framework, align what FHE are doing and the link in with SDGs.

Date of Next Meeting:

Provisional date – Weds 13th Sept, Cardiff University

