

Eco Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday 11th November, 4 - 5 pm

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Attendees:

Elise Cox (Student)
Kurtis Kirby (Student)
Angel Dunlop (Student)
Niall English (Student)
Alexis Thompson (Student)
Vlad Basiuk (Student / Young Climate Activist in Residence)
Jon McLeod (Staff / Eco Schools Coordinator)
Danny Topping (Staff)

Apologies:

Laura Bentley (Staff)
Amanda Crumblehulme (Assistant Principal)
Nick Andrews (Staff)

Apologies:

1. Minutes and matters arising from the last meeting

We welcomed a new member of the committee - Alexis.

Vlad shared with the group that the Lancashire Youth Climate Conference had been a great success with nearly 100 young people attending from 16 different school sixth forms, colleges and youth groups. In all 53 different organisations had been involved.

Vlad and other young people involved in organising the conference will be meeting on Tuesday to discuss the next steps for a joined-up approach to youth climate action in Lancashire as part of the Lancashire Climate Action Network (LancsCAN).

2. Environmental Review recap

 Environmental Review 24 PowerPoint

We recapped the main points from the review (attached above). There are still some questions which need checking. Action: Jon will collate these and they will be split between student members of the committee to investigate.

3. Eco Schools topics - deciding which to concentrate on for project work in the rest of 2024-25.

The committee split into groups to discuss the choice of topics to focus on for our action plan in 2024-25, taking into account the Environmental Review, current activities, new opportunities and which were felt to be the most important and impactful.

The following topics emerged as the Committee's 'longlist' of choices:

- Marine - this would be a new choice for us and with its emphasis on minimising plastic pollution it would fit well with work on Waste / Litter. There would also be opportunities to educate others about the marine environment and involve the college in campaigns to protect it. There are also a number of external organisations who we could work with e.g. Ocean Generation, Wildlife Trust, Fylde Coast Against Sewage.
- Biodiversity. One of our 2023-24 projects was focused on school grounds with a strong biodiversity slant (wildlife habitat creation in the grounds). We will definitely be doing more habitat work and extending this to more species e.g. bats, hedgehogs as well as doing more treeplanting
- Healthy living - continuing to work on the promotion of plant-based eating in particular.
- Energy - an area where we scored quite low in the Environmental Review, especially in terms of student involvement / engagement.

Danny suggested using a matrix approach which can assess the potential projects in terms of how easy/feasible they are for us to do against their likely impact.

Action: Members of the Committee to think further about the choice of 3 topics to base 2024-25 projects around. We will reach

a decision on this at the next meeting and then start to look at what the precise projects will be.

4. [Cut Your Carbon](#) campaign update

The 'Cut Your Carbon' campaign has got off to a great start in college with over 150 actions recorded.

Ace (from Eco Action) and Kurtis have done some social media to promote the campaign.

There will be a prize for the Progress Mentor cohort with the most actions recorded.

5. Responsibility roles for student members of the Committee.

It was agreed that the students on the Committee would have the opportunity to take on responsibility roles. The students decided between themselves the roles that they would like to take on.

The new committee structure is:

Student Chair: Kurtis Kirby

Committee Secretary: Angel Dunlop

Communications Officer: Alexis Thompson

Project Officers: Elise Cox, Niall English

Treasurer: Vlad Basiuk

Further roles can be decided on later as necessary e.g. Vice Chair.

Actions: Jon will speak to Kurtis ahead of the next meeting about setting the agenda and running the meeting. In the next meeting we will also talk more about the main tasks that will go with the new roles and how this can work best for everyone.


6. AOB

Angel asked about the Google Classroom for the Committee (combined with Eco Action). **Action:** Jon to send the invitations for committee members to join this.

7. Date of the next meeting

Monday 25th November, 4 - 5 pm, Committee Room (M201)

See also:

 [Eco Schools Committee Meeting Dates 2024-25](#)