

Eco Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 14th October, 4 - 5 pm

Committee Room

Attendees:

Elise Cox (Student)
Kurtis Kirby (Student)
Angel Dunlop (Student)
Zainab Saleh Sajjad (Student)
Niall English (Student)
Laura Bentley (Staff)
Jon McLeod (Staff / Eco Schools Coordinator)
Danny Topping (Staff)

Apologies:

Vlad Basiuk (Student / Young Climate Activist in Residence)
Alexis Thompson (Student)
Ace Tomlinson (Student)
Amanda Crumblehulme (Assistant Principal)
Nick Andrews (Staff)

1) Minutes and matters arising from the last meeting

None raised.

2) Environmental Review

The Committee split into groups to carry out the Environmental Review.
This will be completed in the next meeting.

They also noted the outcomes of Eco Action's survey last week

 09.10.24 which highlighted the need for:

- Clearer labelling of recycling bins
- Better visibility for the food waste bins
- Lights and devices to be turned off more consistently when not in use or required
- Limited plant-based options in the catering outlets

These points were factored into the review and will be addressed as soon as possible.

3) Cut Your Carbon campaign November 2024

It was decided by the Committee that we will run this campaign in college this November.

The campaign will be launched with a presentation in Progress Mentor groups in w/c 4th November. Students and staff will be encouraged to take the 6 carbon-cutting actions and log that they are doing so on a Google Form. There will be a prize for the Progress Mentor cluster (groups with the same PM) who log the most actions.

The Eco Committee and Eco Action group will 'role-model' the campaign and share the actions they are taking on the college and Eco Action/Eco Committee social media.

4) Lancashire Youth Climate Conference

This event will be held at Blackpool Sixth on 30th October 2024. It has been organised largely by Vlad and his fellow Young Climate Activist in Residence, supported by Jon and by the head of Youth Services at Blackpool Council. The event is being held as part of the work of the Lancashire Climate Action Network of which the college is a member and Jon is the Schools/Youth Community Lead.

Vlad outlined the main aims and features of the event. There are more details at

<https://sites.edgehill.ac.uk/lancscan/events/lancashire-youth-climate-conference/>

A group of students from the Eco Committee and Eco Action group will attend the event as delegates.

5) Meeting dates for rest of 2024-25:

 Eco Schools Committee Meeting Dates 2024-25

6) Next meeting:

Monday 11th November, 4 - 5 pm. Venue tbc

At the next meeting we will finish off work on the Environmental Review and start to consider which 3 Eco Schools topics to concentrate on for the main 3 projects in 2024-25.

We will also review the progress of the Cut Your Carbon campaign and will discuss responsibility roles for students on the committee e.g. Chair, Vice Chair, Communication Officer, Project Leads.