

Eco Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 16th December, 4 - 5 pm

Committee Room (M201)

Attendees:

Kurtis Kirby (Student, Chair)

Angel Dunlop (Student, Committee Secretary) - taking minutes

Niall English (Student, Project Officer)

Vlad Basiuk (Student, Treasurer)

Jon McLeod (Staff / Eco Schools Coordinator)

Laura Bentley (Staff)

Danny Topping (Staff)

Apologies:

Amanda Crumblehulme (Assistant Principal)

Nick Andrews (Staff)

Elise Cox (Student, Project Officer)

1) Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

We will look at the missing questions from the Environmental Review early next term.

2) 2024/25 Action Plan

The Committee split into smaller groups to look at the 3 different Eco topics around which the action plan will be created (Marine, Biodiversity, Healthy Living)

Members added further ideas and did some priority ranking of the ideas.

The ideas so far are listed in the 3 documents in this folder:

 **2024-25 Action Plan**

In January we will put these ideas into the action plan format and start work on them.

A couple of key points highlighted by Committee members were:

- Concern about the amount of single use plastic on sale in college, especially drinks.
- Vegan and vegetarian options in the catering facilities remain very limited and may even have declined since the work done on this year between Committee members and the catering company.

These will be addressed in the action plan under the Marine and Healthy Living themes respectively. There was a feeling that more needs to be done on student / staff awareness of why we need to address these.

Action: Committee members are asked to add further ideas to the documents in preparation for finalising an action plan next month.

3) Cut your Carbon

Jon shared the data from the recent 'Cut Your Carbon' campaign in college. ['Cut Your Carbon' results 2024](#)

It was agreed that the campaign had gone very well, engaging well over 400 individual students and spreading awareness about how simple actions to cut your carbon footprint can also have positive health/wellbeing impacts as well as saving money.

Tomorrow Vlad and Jon will present the prizes for the winning PM cohort (Steve Beesley's groups) in one of Steve's PM sessions.

4) Lancashire Climate Action Network Youth Committee


Vlad is on the newly formed Lancashire Climate Action Network Youth Committee. This group which also has 3 former Blackpool Sixth Eco Action students on it has been formed as a key outcome of the recent Lancashire Youth Climate Conference. Its aim will be to carry forward the momentum of the conference and engage with an increasing number of 16 - 25 year olds living, studying and working in the county.

Vlad said that the committee is at a very early stage but he will keep everyone informed about opportunities to get involved.

5) Date/focus of the next meeting

Monday 13th January, 4 - 5 pm, Committee Room.

The key business will be working on the Action Plan and identifying actions which can be taken straight away.

 Eco Schools Committee Meeting Dates 2024-25