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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE ELTON BOWRING ROOM AT 14:00 ON THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2021

<p>Present: Prof Andrew Balmford (Chairman); Lizzie Ashworth (Conference and Marketing Associate); Dr Andre Cabrera Serrenho (CRA Rep); Dr Jo Costin (Secretary); David Ewing (MCR Rep 2021-22); Dr William Foster (Fellow); Kate Hargreaves (Head Gardener); Deborah Hoy (Estates Director); and Tereza Zoumpalova (Clare Goes Green) (remotely).</p>		
Item (a)	Summary (b)	Action (c)
1 Apologies	Lee Corke (Catering Manager); Prof Andrew Friend (Fellow); Ruairidh Maclean (UCS Rep 2021-22); Geppetto Price (Staff Rep); and Jackie Searle (Accommodation Manager)	
2 Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	Chair
3 Minutes and Matters Arising	Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Annual Report: All were thanked for their contributions to the Annual Report. Jo Costin will circulate the report with the minutes.	JC
4 Green Impact Update	<p>2020-21: The College formally received a Gold Award. The Chair thanked Jo and her team for another year of hard work on Green Impact.</p> <p>2021-22: The workbook was now live, and planning was underway for the Clare College submission. It was intended to do events / communications under three key themes – Waste and Recycling in Michaelmas, Energy in Lent, and Biodiversity and Community in Easter. An Excellence Project was also planned on energy consumption (previously attempted twice but unable to complete due to Covid).</p> <p>Waste Competition: A staircase competition, for the Colony, was being planned. This would involve counting the bags of waste and recycling. It would be difficult to weigh the waste. Food waste bins could be incorporated into this. Tereza Zoumpalova to contact Jackie Searle to discuss green bins.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>TZ</p>
5 Buildings	Projects: A number of sustainability projects were approved last year, several of which have moved forward. Secondary glazing was installed in Etheldreda, but owing to the higher than anticipated cost of the ASHP, and the unusual nature of the existing heating system, it was not possible to progress the ASHP. The funding was put towards 69 Alpha Road ASHP, where the designs were prepared and contractors in place.	

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	<p>Unfortunately supply issues meant it was not possible to source an ASHP in time. This project is now scheduled for next summer. Electric Vehicle charging points are due to go in Thirkill during this term. Even where projects have not been successful, there has been a lot of learning.</p> <p>Other Colleges: Joint work is beginning across Colleges via General Purchasing Sub Committee on charging points and on consultants and materials for ASHP.</p> <p>Braeside: Major refurbishment project, planned for next academic year. The papers will be going to Estates Committee. The Architect has identified three areas of priority: sustainability, additional rooms, and additional en suites. Andrew Balmford agreed to review and send feedback. The Architect has passivhaus expert within the team. Andre Cabrera Serrenho agreed to meet with the architect to discuss embedded carbon. Heat pumps would be very expensive, but beneficial in the long term.</p> <p>Buildings Team: The new Buildings Manager, Chris, is currently working on a sustainability project with the University Estates Management team, and will be asked to look at the Memorial Court boilers.</p> <p>Clare St Regis: Washing lines are due to be installed at Clare St Regis to give an alternative to tumble dryers. The swift music needs to be turned off, but is likely to go on again next year.</p> <p>Carbon Zero: A meeting with the consultants to discuss cost and coordination is needed. The condition survey is nearly complete, including M&E information. Andrew Balmford has discussed the Carbon Zero route map with the new Master and will be discussing it further this term.</p> <p>Lighting at Clare Court: Some of the lights too sensitive. Limited consumption implication as LEDs. Would like feedback though if sensors are too sensitive or if somewhere has no LEDs. Some expected to be picked up from the Condition Survey.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DE / DH</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">6 UCS Update</p>	<p>Clare Goes Green: First meeting on Sunday 16 October. Students will be encouraged to contact the Accommodation Manager to collect composting bins.</p> <p>Footprint Labelling: Tereza to meet with Lee Corke to discuss carbon footprint labelling on Buttery menus. (Postdoc Emma Garnett should be able to help with data sources.)</p> <p>Social Events: Looking into film screenings, Green Formal swaps, etc.</p> <p>Staircase Competition: This will focus on waste this term, with a plan to move to energy next term. Energy footprint more of a concern than waste footprint.</p> <p>Green Guide: Jo Costin to request a copy of what went out to keep for reference.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TZ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JC</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">7</p>	<p>Freshers Information: Some sent out already, a few items to follow up with Jackie.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DE</p>

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<p>MCR Update</p>	<p>Gown Exchange: Looking into this, ready for next year. Fellows may also welcome this. MCR would be willing to help / run as part of the Green Officer role. Deborah Hoy to check with the Porters as it was thought the Porters used to run something like this.</p> <p>Cycling Repair: Looking at whether it should be done this term, or whether it could be done jointly with undergraduates. Cycling repair equipment in the Greencycle cupboard.</p> <p>Allotment / Clare Growers: Gardens department doing some baseline work. Gardens will clear the area, Buildings to make raised beds with lids to help with weed control. To be advertised to postgraduates, who may not know about it. The bramble area near the allotment area has been included as part of the Braeside scheme.</p> <p>Divestment: 80% divestment commitment in place.</p>	<p>DE / DH</p> <p>DE</p> <p>KH / DH</p>
<p>8 Staff Representative</p>	<p>Borrow-a-Bag: This was running again in all the Porters' Lodges. It will need to be advertised more widely to ensure people knew it was happening.</p> <p>Lost Property: If this is not claimed after the allocated time, it's donated to charity.</p> <p>Bikes: The Porters Department are in the process of acquiring a bike to travel between Old Court and the Colony. There was a question as to whether other departments who needed to travel between sites could also have bikes. When the bike cull was next carried out, the Porters will be asked to keep a few and they could be kept with a combi padlock so that they were available for general use.</p> <p>Lunch Salad Boxes: Are these recyclable?</p> <p>Uniform: There was a question around the material used for uniform, and whether cotton could be used in preference to synthetics. Concerns were raised over the environmental impact of cotton, especially organic cotton, which can have a very high water and soil-loss footprint.</p> <p>Battery Recycling: Could students and staff be reminded about the battery recycling points?</p> <p>Chapel Cards: William Foster followed up on the Chapel Cards raised at the previous meeting, and fewer are now being printed.</p>	<p>GP</p>
<p>9 Gardens</p>	<p>Biodiversity Surveys: Part 1B students are conducting biodiversity surveys in the College gardens. These are being done in various locations around the College, and are being compared with 5 of other Colleges with similar types of areas. Another 1B student is surveying hibernating Peacock butterflies.</p> <p>Wild Walk: Prof Ed Turner's Wild Walk in June had been very successful, and he had offered to do another one.</p> <p>Wildflower Areas: It was hoped to have more wildflower areas next summer.</p>	

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	<p>Lawnmowers: The College was moving to more battery / electric lawnmowers, with a multiuse electric mower on order. It was hoped to purchase another subsequently. The older equipment was offered for spares to the company carrying out the lawnmower servicing.</p> <p>iRecord: Some students are trained in using this, and it would be helpful if they could set it up. Kate Hargreaves will discuss with the students carrying out the biodiversity surveys.</p>	KH
10 Conferencing	<p>Menu: The updated menu has been designed with vegetarian and vegan options first. This seems to be having some effect. However, some conferences prefer to have more meat based options. The menu includes the label 'plant based' rather than vegan.</p> <p>Larger Conferences: Andrew happy to meet with larger conferences to discuss sustainability and food.</p>	LA / AB
11 Catering	<p>Takeaways: Single use takeaway packaging being discouraged.</p> <p>Meat Figures: Will be circulated.</p>	LC
12 Dates for Next Meetings	<p>10 February 2022 1400 5 May 2022 1400</p>	

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