

ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

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Notes of the Environmental forum held on Friday 12 February 2010.

Present: O. Jones Kumaran P. Ball  
L. Wilkinson E. Fieldhouse

		ACTION
1	<b>Union Update</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fairtrade status achieved.</li><li>Looking into composting facilities: either a rocket (issues of space) or collection system (no product to dispose of).</li><li>Liaise with Loughborough on this issue.</li><li>O. Jones brought up the issue of the VC's lawn and to put the old grass on top of the union roof however this was deemed not possible.</li><li>Sound Impact audit February 25<sup>th</sup> 1pm: remind the bar staff to know how to dispose of the oil.</li><li>Issues with the recycling bin in Percy Gee: the cleaners keep putting back bin liners in the recycling bins rather than clear ones. P. Ball is putting together a training pack for University staff and porters and this will also include Union cleaners to provide zone specific training.</li><li>Greener mini-buses – look at the Energy Savers Trust who will be able to give a fleet analysis and alternative option.</li><li>Environmental Officer role was discussed – to contact Toby regarding the communication and publicity of the role and liaise with green team.</li><li>The new building plans should be looked at to find out the most suitable places for the recycling bins – the VC does not want metal bins. Need to research recycling bins that are fire safe, attractive and functional e.g. the ones found in the Highcross.</li><li>Plastic bins in the Union to be removed.</li><li>There is a bin delivery on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, which can replace these ones.</li></ul>	O.J  P.B  O.J  L.W   A.K  P.B
2	<b>Environmental Team</b>	
	Energy:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>£300,000 Saalex Fund across projects, Energy Audit across the University, £1m extra which is not allocated so could go to the SU East Wing that is not being redeveloped.</li></ul>	

- The shop will be moving to the ARC and will require air conditioning. However the revamped shop will have new chillers so this is an interim issue.
- The supply line in the ARC could be insulated.

Waste:

- The recycling scheme at Halls (Oadby) has problems with contamination.
- There are council pick up sights but none of the students know about this.
- Nixon Court: would have to communicate with local council.
- The general waste contract is up for renewal, which will try and include residencies more while specifying in the contract where and how the waste will be disposed of.

Housing:

- To lease property legally and EPC must be provided.

Travel Plan:

- Looking into parking at the University and the price of bus permits for students.
- Looking at what needs to be delivered, how much it will cost and then how much is to be charged. There will be an assessment of how stakeholders physically access the site

### 3 **Any Other Business**

- Big Green Week is now in the fourth week of October.
- New computers which are low energy, high efficiency have gained the Green Gale Award.
- There will be a Biomass boiler in the SU.
- Impact survey and Powerdown initiatives are in place to commence soon.