












Environmental Society AGM Minutes

Attendees	Antoinette Kriel (AK), Sarah Hanly (SH), Lorna Burton (LB), Victoria Brooks (VB), Frances Hawkes (FH), Tim James (TJ), Lee Collier (LC), Tim Acott (TA), Clive Shrubsole (CS), Alistair Thompson (AT), Kate Bowley (KB), James Schulkes (JS), Will Fletcher (WF), Ralph Allison (RA), Ellie People & Planet (P&P).
Apologies	Mike McGibbon
Minutes	<p>Opening Address: AK outlined the purpose of the meeting to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Elect society officers  Ratify the society constitution  Introduce People & Planet  Define the society objectives – i.e. what do people want to achieve this year <p>Election of Officers: SH explained the society officers needed to be democratically elected. Attendees were asked if anyone wanted to put themselves forward as president, treasurer and secretary of the society. LB put herself forward as treasurer, AK as president and SH as secretary. Officers were voted in by a show of hands (as agreed by attendees in place of a secret ballot)</p> <p>Ratification of Constitution: SH explained the constitution was a standard document supplied by UMSA that each society must agree. The section which is not standard relates to the society aims. SH read out the suggested high-level aims of the Environment Society, but pointed out more specific aims for the year would be agreed during the meeting. It was explained a copy of the constitution can be provide on request. It was then ratified by all attendees.</p> <p>People and Planet: Ellie from P&P explained that P&P is a network of student groups from around 130 universities and sixth form colleges. P&P support students wanting to take action on human rights, poverty and environment. It is democratic and its campaigns are based on issues highlighted by students. P&P firmly believe that the world is interconnected and our actions can have global impacts. The world can be changed through grass roots campaigning. P&P campaigns include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Go Green Universities  Ditch Dirty Development – against fossil fuel extraction such as Kingsnorth Power Station  Campaign on Fairtrade  Campaign on Corporate Power  Campaign on Redress Fashion – Topshop Sweatshop <p>P&P also arranges group events such as the forthcoming Shared Planet event from 21st-23rd November at the University of Birmingham.</p> <p>To give an idea of how campaigns work P&P showed a short film of campaign ideas for Go Green Universities. Ellie also explained the practical help P&P provide, including campaigning skills wokshops, campaigning materials and general advice.</p> <p>Workshop: AK then requested the group break up into smaller groups to brainstorm ideas for objectives or campaigns that members would like to see achieved this year. Lots of ideas were suggested and the table below gives details of the objectives put forward by different members. AK explained that these ideas would form the basis for this years’ aims. It is clear from the table that most people’s interests lie in ‘greening’ up the university and increasing student awareness of environmental issues.</p>

	<p>Activities: A handout was provided detailing confirmed and suggested events for the year. It also highlighted some of the environmental or sustainable ideas already being implemented at the university. SH spoke about some of these ideas, including the need for a representative from the Environmental Society on the Fairtrade steering committee. AK highlighted some of the forthcoming speakers. FH spoke about the allotment and it was agreed that anyone wishing to go to the allotment should contact AK for a key and times when she will be going. LB highlighted that the fact that there is a fund at UMSA, which can be used to supplement Environment Society Events. A Medway student newspaper is also being established, which is a good place to advertise Environment Society.</p> <p>AOB: A regular meeting has been arranged for the first Monday of every month at 12.30 in the Gulbenkian Cafe. This will be used to catch up on progress. It was agreed that communication should be via texts and emails. The website will also be updated.</p>
--	---

Objectives Coming Out of Workshop

(The following ideas were put forward by meeting attendees. They have been grouped into categories – although some cross two or more categories. In these cases they are mentioned in each category)

<u>Greening Up University</u>	<u>Local Issues</u>	<u>Increasing Awareness/Networking</u>	<u>Fairtrade</u>
Recycling Bins Cigarette Bins Making contact with Head of Estates – Peter Frotheringham Getting Permanent Sustainability Officer P&P campaign skills workshop geared towards campaigning for greener university Reduce paper wastage Less electricity wastage Plastic cups – good or bad?	Getting involved with Kingsnorth Campaign	Society Recruitment from all the Medway Universities Making contact with Head of Estates – Peter Frotheringham Speakers Events to get more people involved and interested such as: Recycled Fancy Dress Jungle Gym Sustainable Christmas ideas Appealing to sports people (many from	Promoting Fairtrade Fairtrade/local produce market

		<p>Kent Uni) – thru events mentioned above but also having society emblem on sports kit.</p> <p>Appealing to international students – get in touch with International student officers as starting point.</p>	
--	--	---	--