

Minutes Eco School Action Committee meeting

Friday 26th March 2010 Rm SFC1

Present: Michael Goodwin, Peter Robinson, Maggie Guy, Angy Bovill, Imogen Gartside, Ellie Hirst, Bella Eames Matthews, Jonathan Taylor, Jack Trinder

1. Minutes agreed from last meeting.
2. MGo - Following on from the success of the **Switch off Fortnight and Say No to Standby Campaigns** were very successful. 23% of electricity usage was saved in the second week. We need to move forward and identify areas where we can make further savings.
 - Boarding houses need light sensors in some rooms especially the bathrooms where lights get left on.
 - Some instruction needs to be given to cleaners to only switch on lights in the rooms that they are cleaning early in the morning and to switch off lights in other areas which have been cleaned. MGo to ask PR to pass on this information.
3. MGo –**Wind Turbine** – Michael met with planners to look at a suitable site to erect a wind turbine within the school grounds. A site up by the new changing rooms was identified as the turbine would blend against the grey of the sports hall. Now looking into companies who specialize in turbines- Green electrician. **Solar panels**- These should also be considered for the south facing buildings.
4. MG – Queried whether water harvesting has been installed anywhere in the school. There are plans to add some water butts to the new sheds etc in the Junior school garden, but the cost is prohibitive to convert old build. Costings will be done when the new DT buildings are planned.
5. AB –**Eco Schools webpage** for Green events is being kept updated on a weekly basis. Access through sibfordschool.net senior pupils' page.
6. AB -**Eco-School day - The Wild Waste workshop** presented by Alan Macnaughton of the Northmoor Trust was very successful. Students attended workshops on Food Miles, Environmental Footprints and a debate on Landfill v Incineration.
7. PR -**Cardboard Recycling** – We now have a large recycling bin from Grundons for recycling cardboard, this has been put in the Recycling bay in opposite the staff room.
 - A **can and tin recycling** skip has been installed outside the canteen.
 - **Compost heaps** have been erected by the Horticulture department for non cooked food waste from the canteen.
 - The school now has a **license to recycle old fridges**
 - **AB** – Oliver Wiltshire has carried out an audit of all the rooms in school to find out which are still in need of a permanent recycling bin. She has **ordered 16 more recycling boxes** from Cherwell District Council for classrooms where they have gone missing!
8. **Ellie and Imogen - Fair-trade Fortnight 22nd Feb – 5th March was a great success.** The theme this year was The Big Swap – eg swap your tea brand to fair-trade. It was well received by the students who supported the tea parties.

9. **Year 7 pupils** have been inspired to set up a **Fair Trade stall** on Tuesdays and are now selling FT chocolates under the direction of the 6th form FT group.
10. AB – **People and Planet Wear Fair workshop**- Fiona Ranford ran a very inspiring workshop with all Year 12 & 13 on Fair Trade Cotton.
11. Ellie – **Leavers hoodies** have been ordered from WRAP. They are made from **ethically certified cotton**.
12. AB – **Fair Trade Schools** The application for Fair Trade Schools status is presently on hold as there is a lot of paperwork to do. The application might have to be postponed until next year. AB and the Fair Trade group met up with Enid Frost the secretary of the Banbury town Fair Trade steering group to discuss applying for Fair Trade status.
13. AB - The **Eco- Notice board** has been updated by the Environmental representatives.
14. MGo - **Eco Schools display for the Meeting house**. This needs to be put on mobile boards and will be a good way to share the Eco Schools news with the Quaker community. Jessie and AB will set this up next term.
15. AB – **Application for the Green Flag award** has to be completed by AB and MGo for the 1st of March. All evidence is ready and has been filed ready for **our assessment on 22nd April by Gwyn Devas**. She will be with us for one and a half hours. A schedule has been drawn up to enable her to meet as many pupils as possible and to visit areas of the school where Eco Schools work is being carried out.

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