

## Minutes Eco-School Action Committee meeting

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2010 Rm SFC1

**Present: Michael Goodwin, Peter Robinson, Angy Bovill, Jessie Loft, Alex Jardine, Anna-Rose Critchley**

**apologies – Maggie Guy, Bella Eames Davies, Jonty Taylor**

1. Minutes agreed from last meeting.
2. AB – Welcome to Jessie Loft gap student who has recently joined us from NZ. She is to assist AB with Eco Schools coordination.
3. AB – **Switch off Fortnight and Say No to Standby Campaigns** were very successful. 23% of electricity useage was saved in the second week of the campaign. Thanks to Bella and Jonty for collecting the meter readings and to PR for making sense of the figures.
4. AB – AB has worked with CC to set up an **Eco Schools webpage** for Green events. Access through Sibfordschool.net, senior pupils page.
5. AB -**Eco-School day – Wild Waste workshop**- recycling workshop – Northmoor Trust are coming on 19<sup>th</sup> March to run workshops on Food Miles, Environmental Footprints and a debate on Landfill v Incineration. All Environmental Representatives will be taking part and the Fair Trade group.
6. Alex - £250 has been raised towards **Uganda challenge** from sponsorship. Students wrote to a number of organisations in October. £200 was raised at pub quiz last Sunday. The Valentines disco on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February will raise more.
7. PR -**Cardboard Recycling** – We still haven't found a company which recycles Cardboard only. There is a lot of Cardboard around the school and it doesn't fit in the paper recycling boxes, much is being burned, we need to look at alternatives.
8. PR -**Hedge planting** - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – All Year 7 pupils planted a native hedging plant by the iron age round house. Year 12 Countryside and Environment pupils helped out.
9. Alex - **Fair-trade Fortnight 22nd Feb – 5<sup>th</sup> March**. The theme this year is The big Swap – eg swap your tea brand to fair-trade. There will be a full school meeting starting the week off, taken by the 6<sup>th</sup> form Fair Trade group to raise awareness amongst the pupils. Activities will include a fair-trade café at break time in the dining room every day for that fortnight. People and Planet workshop on Fair trade cotton led by Fiona Ranford for all Year 12 &13 students on 26<sup>th</sup> February from 3.10-4.15pm. Tea parties on both Tuesdays in Hall foyer to celebrate the big swap Fair trade tea served up with cakes for sale made by Fair Trade group. Film show on buying Fair Trade cotton products for school uniform lunchtime-all welcome. Fair trade lunches in dining room both Fridays. Fortnight of events closes with Full school meeting from Mark Reckitt on Fair trade work carried out by Cadburys in Ghana  
Fair trade profits are to be used to purchase a wind mill for 6<sup>th</sup> form centre.

10. AB – **Fair Trade Schools** The Fair Trade steering group are presently filling in the application forms to apply to be a Fair Trade School. We hope to accumulate enough evidence to complete the application this summer.
11. MGo – Suggested that it would be a good idea to try to **make Sibford Ferris a Fair Trade village** ( Banbury is a fair-trade town) Banbury achieved this by persuading companies to pledge to sell Fair Trade.
12. AB -**Eco-Code competition** has been launched to the whole school by the Environmental representatives, Ade in Year 12 has written an Eco Code rap and is willing to perform this in Full school meeting.
13. AB - The Eco- Board has been updated by the Environmental representatives.
14. AB has asked Jessie Loft to put together an **Eco Schools display for the Meeting house** in Sibford Gower to share the Eco Schools news with the Quaker community. She is going to see MGo to find a suitable site for this.
15. AB – **The environmental reps** are meeting this afternoon to gather information from this meeting and to feed back on how their assignments have gone this half term. Recycling, energy saving ,Eco Code, litter picking etc.
16. AB – **Application for the Green Flag award** has to be completed by AB and MGo for the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. All evidence is ready, but needs to be collated; this will be done over half term.
17. AB – We need to carry out a **review of the Environmental review**. 6th Form Environmental reps have agreed to do this. A meeting will be called on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.
18. MGo - **Junior School is registering for the Green Flag Award**. AB has offered to help with this process and has spoken to PH in the junior school with advice.
19. MGo- Achieving the Green Flag Award is the beginning not the end.

**Next meeting Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010 Room SFC1**