

ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY PROGRESS.

SUMMARY AUGUST - OCTOBER 2018

Annual Reporting

The annual energy usage and consumption report for April 2017 to March 2018, including highlights summary, is attached to this report. The annual 3 % carbon reduction target has been exceeded by 8.44% which is excellent news.

Carbon reduction up to end of July 2018

Carbon reduction progress for 2018/19 up to the end of July 2018 is currently being monitored against 2009/10 baseline and against 2017/18 information. As of end July 2018 we decreased our baseline 2009/10 figs by 34.6 % overall and in comparison to 2017/18 we decreased our figures by 11.4 %.

We continue to make steady progress in meeting our objective of exceeding 3% reduction of Glyndŵr University's annual carbon emissions total to ensure our 2020 target is met.

Current notifications / activities for this period, August to October 2018.

Sustainability Action Working Group (SAWG)

SAWG met up in September. Summary of actions included;

Waste Management: Purchase of new recycling bins will be costed and ordered accordingly. Work is to take place on a potential investment opportunity with Veolia, waste management company.

Research is also to take place on disposable cup charges and compatible vending machines for re-usable cups. Discussions also took place on providing recycling bags in all student accommodation and removing all glass bottle bags.

Energy: The energy monitoring study carried out by a student will hopefully be prepared as a case study article to go into Campus Talk and the Green Champion Newsletter.

A case study is also to be prepared to assist with the consideration of which energy consultant is best for the University. Discussions have also taken place prior to the meeting on the Compliance Report perspective of Carbon Management. Energy meters were discussed as items needing monitoring and further discussions are to take place about a possible student project to audit meters around campus.

Fairtrade: It was agreed that there would be a Fairtrade stall manned during refresher's week and Aramak would be promoting Fairtrade too at that time.

Sustainable Food: It was noted that Aramak has prepared a progress report and comments had been received.

Green Champions: Discussions took place with regards to Student Union Staff receiving Green Champion two hour training and the possibility of making it open to Fresher's. Suggestions were also made to include a walk around campus as an event and can plan where to plant and help water plants at the same time. Green Champions will receive correspondence to confirm their future interest in the role, along with a meet-up invitation. Green Champions will be periodically invited to future SAWG meetings, pending on suitable agenda items.

ESDGC (Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship): A Learning Lunch and Sustainability session is to be arranged shortly for ESDGC.

E- Learning is also in the process of being reviewed. Discussions also took place on a distance learning module regarding sustainability.






Events: Earth Hour event was discussed and it was agreed that the Student Union is to link with the Student Village.

Environmental Management Systems: Green Dragon is still under consideration and it was noted that the university is very keen to have an accreditation. It was decided that a policy is needed for students to hand in work electronically. The outdoor furniture being used was discussed. Also the criteria needed for Living Lab is to be reviewed. Representatives of People & Planet are to be invited to the next SAWG to discuss criteria to raise the current 2:2 score.

Electric Cars: Purchase of an electric car was discussed and that it would be possible to supply an appropriate electric point.

Sustainability Events, Campaigns & Activities

Events from this period included;

-  Green Champions Walk (monthly)
-  16th International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
-  2nd World Car Free Day
-  Staff Conference – SHE Dept. stall staff engagement plus ESD Academic delivered session
-  Sustainability and Fairtrade stall at Fresher's fair student engagement.

People and Planet Update - Marking for the next league table will take place from late November 2018 through to the end of February 2019 and the next league table will be published spring 2019.

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