**UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING**

**GREEN CHAMPIONS WORKING GROUP MEETING - MINUTES**

Tuesday 16th May 2023, 10:00 - 11:00hrs – Room 4B96

Minutes

Attendees – Amy Gove-Kaney (Chair), Charlotte Forbes, Andrew Forrest, Clare Andrews, Elizabeth Fuller, Johannes Schamp, Jess Reid, Alex Cochrane and Stephen Winter

Apologies –David Miller, Claire Squires, Emma McCombie, Michael Chadwick, Ruth Prophet, Tanya Cairns, Stephen Winter, Scott Hames, Sue Mosley, Elizabeth Beech, Jane Lind, Dani Tovey, Lorraine Anderson, Amanda Cassidy, Ailis Foster, Sean Semple, Ashley Taylor and Rebecca Pankhurst.

Introductions

Update on Sustainability/Environment

Amy Gove-Kaney provided a brief update on Sustainability:

We now have an Active Travel Officer, Charlotte Forbes, who sits within the Safety, Environment and Continuity team. The ATO role was funded by Paths for All. Charlotte has organised successful cycle led rides, puncture repair sessions and confidence sessions.

For 23/24 we have received funding from Paths for All to continue the Active Travel Officer role, hold weekly Dr Bike sessions for the year and host an Active Travel Week in October 2023.

Our 2022 application to the Cycle Scotland Campus development fund was successful. We now have two bike repair kits on campus along with two new bike shelters. One is situated behind the Colin Bell building and the other next to Airthrey Castle/Sports Pavilion.

Our Switched on Towns and Cities grant fund which was funded by Transport Scotland is now complete. This includes new EV chargers and vehicles.   EV charging rates were introduced on 1st September 2022.

The University continues to subsidise and actively promote student and staff use of Nextbike located on campus at the Bus Hub, Willow Court, Alexander Court and a virtual station at the University entrance. In July 2022, the University in partnership with Nextbike and Forth Environment Link introduced an upgraded smart bike fleet. The Santander Cycles branded smart bikes are a marked improvement from the old fleet and come with smart features including improved GPS tracking, security and locking mechanisms.

The University hosted Green Week between 20th March – 23rd March 2023. This was an interactive week focused on sustainability, active travel, biodiversity, and waste reduction. Staff and students were encouraged to take part in our sustainable living fair, upcycling workshops, pedal cinema experience, tree planting, ebike taster sessions and more.   <https://www.stir.ac.uk/events/green-week/>

 Discussions are currently taking place regarding the delivery of the Sustainability Plan. We are working on our carbon footprint and looking at possible heat network/energy transition proposals to consider going forward on our net zero journey.

Green Champions Actions

Discussed progress of Green Champion actions and areas of focus going forward. Actions detailed on tracker.

Active Travel Week

The Active Travel Officer discussed initial plans for the Active Travel week due to take place w/c 16th October 2023. Looking for volunteers to assist with the planning and running of events. If you wish to take part, please contact Charlotte Forbes [charlotte.forbes@stir.ac.uk](mailto:charlotte.forbes@stir.ac.uk)

Ideas so far include: Dr Bike sessions, breakfast smoothie bike, sunrise stroll with coffee and pastry after, learn to ride/cycling skills session and lunchtime walks.

AOB

Set up next Green Champions meeting for August 2023.

Progress actions and provide update at next meeting.