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Unfortunately supply issues meant it was not possible to source an ASHP in time. This project is now scheduled for next summer. Electric Vehicle charging points are due to go in Thirkill during this term. Even where projects have not been successful, there has been a lot of learning.

**Other Colleges:** Joint work is beginning across Colleges via General Purchasing Sub Committee on charging points and on consultants and materials for ASHP.

**Braeside:** Major refurbishment project, planned for next academic year. The papers will be going to Estates Committee. The Architect has identified three areas of priority: sustainability, additional rooms, and additional en suites. Andrew Balmford agreed to review and send feedback. The Architect has passivhaus expert within the team. Andre Cabrera Serrenho agreed to meet with the architect to discuss embedded carbon. Heat pumps would be very expensive, but beneficial in the long term.

**Buildings Team:** The new Buildings Manager, Chris, is currently working on a sustainability project with the

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<b>MCR Update</b>	<p><b>Gown Exchange:</b> Looking into this, ready for next year. Fellows may also welcome this. MCR would be willing to help / run as part of the Green Officer role. Deborah Hoy to check with the Porters as it was thought the Porters used to run something like this.</p> <p><b>Cycling Repair:</b> Looking at whether it should be done this term, or whether it could be done jointly with undergraduates. Cycling repair equipment in the Greencycle cupboard.</p> <p><b>Allotment / Clare Growers:</b> Gardens department doing some baseline work. Gardens will clear the area, Buildings to make raised beds with lids to help with weed control. To be advertised to postgraduates, who may not know about it. The bramble area near the allotment area has been included as part of the Braeside scheme.</p> <p><b>Divestment:</b> 80% divestment commitment in place.</p> <p><b>Borrow-a-Bag:</b> This was running again in all the Porters' Lodges. It will need to be advertised more widely to ensure people knew it was happening.</p> <p><b>Lost Property:</b> If this is not claimed after the allocated time, it's donated to charity.</p> <p><b>Bikes:</b> The Porters Department are in the process of acquiring a bike to travel between Old Court and the Colony. There was a question as to whether other departments who needed to travel between sites could also have bikes. When the bike cull was next carried out, the Porters will be asked to keep a few and they could be kept with a combi padlock so that they were available for general use.</p> <p><b>Lunch Salad Boxes:</b> Are these recyclable?</p> <p><b>Uniform:</b> There was a question around the material used for uniform, and whether cotton could be used in preference to synthetics. Concerns were raised over the environmental impact of cotton, especially organic cotton, which can have a very high water and soil-loss</p>	DE / DH  DE  KH / DH
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	<p><b>Lawnmowers:</b> The College was moving to more battery / electric lawnmowers, with a multiuse electric mower on order. It was hoped to purchase another subsequently. The older equipment was offered for spares to the company carrying out the lawnmower servicing.</p> <p><b>iRecord:</b> Some students are trained in using this, and it would be helpful if they could set it up. Kate Hargreaves will discuss with the students carrying out the biodiversity surveys.</p>	KH
<b>10 Conferencing</b>	<p><b>Menu:</b> The updated menu has been designed with vegetarian and vegan options first. This seems to be having some effect. However, some conferences prefer to have more meat based options. The menu includes the label 'plant based' rather than vegan.</p> <p><b>Larger Conferences:</b> Andrew happy to meet with larger conferences to discuss sustainability and food.</p>	LA / AB
<b>11 Catering</b>	<p><b>Takeaways:</b> Single use takeaway packaging being discouraged.</p> <p><b>Meat Figures:</b> Will be circulated.</p>	LC
<b>12 Dates for Next Meetings</b>	<p>10 February 2022 1400 5 May 2022 1400</p>	

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