

## TUCO Sustainability Group (TSG) Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 10:00 am via MS Teams MINUTES

<b>Attendees:</b>	Mandy Johnston (Chair)	TUCO
	Karen Agate-Hilton	LSE
	Sarah Cawthorne	Nottingham
	Nichola Gill	Manchester
	Mike Haslin	TUCO
	Judith Hoyle	TUCO (Secretary)
	Annabel Hurst	Cardiff
	Louise Levens	APUC
	Cherese Lewis	Leicester
	Hayley Lowes	Kent
	David Morton	Winchester
	David Nuttall	Harper Adams
	David Oakley	Churchill College, Cambridge
	Ian White	Chester
<b>Guest Presenters:</b>	Louisa Dodd	The SRA
	Paul Fieldhouse	Ramco
<b>Apologies:</b>	Alison Bates	Manchester
	Huw Evans	Keele
	Matthew Green	South Devon College
	Lee Hallam	Falmouth
	Ivan Hopkins	Nottingham Trent
	Matt Tebbit	Reading
	Ros Wilkinson	Lancaster
	Emma Woodcock	Keele
	Caroline Wynn	Bristol

### 1. Introduction and Apologies for Absence

Apologies as above. Mandy welcomed everybody to the Meeting.

### 2. Presentation by Paul Fieldhouse from RAMCO

Paul ran through the Agenda for the forthcoming study tour in conjunction with Hobart.

### 3. TUCO Academy Updates around Sustainability

Sarah advised members on the recent study tour to Freiburg and that the UK universities are ahead of their European counterparts on the Sustainability Agenda. European universities tend to be government-led. The tour centred around Studentwerke, which looks after the catering side at universities. This will probably lead to a series of other European study tours.

#### 4. Minutes of the Last Meeting and TUCO Update

These were agreed.

There was an action on the Secretary to send out the Sustainability Business Plan with the Minutes for members to comment on.

**Action: Secretary**

#### 5. ProcureWizard

Access are currently working on a new ordering portal which is being phased in to our members. This will have images and product accreditations and will be more sophisticated. The next phase of development is to see how we can integrate our Greenhouse Gas Calculator. This will allow emissions to be calculated automatically for labelling etc. David Nuttall asked about links to labelling as the majority of people are using Plan Glow. Annabel is using Plan Glow and commented that it integrated smoothly. David Oakley asked how the labelling was progressing and we have actually had a few issues around the development work. We will be arranging a TUCO Online User Group meeting for late October.

**Action: Secretary**

Nichola commented that as everybody is using different tools it will be very difficult to benchmark as there will be no consistency. David Morton asked how many members are using ProcureWizard and the response was that there are around 35 in total. It was observed that Klimato is a good system but very expensive.

#### 6. 'Swap Shop'

TUCO Marketing Manager Anj is setting up a forum for members who have equipment they wish to swap. Mandy asked if members wanted to restrict this to kitchen equipment or extend it to other things. Annabel asked if this could include front-of-house ie tables and chairs.

#### 7. Menus of Change Summit Conference Tour

Mike explained that feedback from the June study tour had been very good so this may become a regular event. Annabel attended this and remarked that days were very 'full on' – starting around 7:15 am and ending at 10:00 pm. The Conference covered schools, care homes and hospitals

#### 8. Presentation by Louisa Dodd of the SRA – 'Food Made Good'

Dave Morton has let this lapse at Winchester and wishes to be re-accredited next year so asked when should he start to get things together for this. Annabel asked if the accreditation is for all catering operations or if you can just do certain parts of it. The SRA now regard it to be the whole operation to be rated. Chester were awarded a 2 star accreditation but were close to getting 3 stars but the stumbling block was free meals to staff as Chester's are heavily subsidised but the SRA wanted them to be completely free. At Harper they are very sustainable as they use all their own products but do not fit the SRA's criteria.

Winchester's highest rating was for treating their staff fairly. Louisa will contact Dave Morton, David Nuttall, Annabel Hurst and Ian White to discuss things further.

## 9. MCURC Event October 2022

We are committed to supporting the Menus of Change but Annabel stressed that universities still want to have the accreditation. Karen commented that LSE completed the SRA rating last year. They have a few organic products but are having problems sourcing them, however they still managed to get a 3 star rating. The more information you put into your bid the better. David Oakley questioned what the students actually want us to do? The SRA has the scores but with policies, principles and actions the Menus of Change is preferable. Dave Morton advised that Winchester previously put a lot of emphasis on People and Planet and he would definitely rate the SRA above Food for Life. Annabel added that Menus of Change is about communications so, rather than filling in forms, they are actually communicating to the students.

## 10. MSC Application

TUCO have now passed the re-certification audit and we are now looking at ASC. We will be inviting them into the next meeting to present to us.

**Action: Secretary**

## 11. Sustainability Insights

Winchester are making a video about their Sustainable Shop.

## 12. Menus of Change

David Oakley feels that we should promote that the TSG are supporting this and that ProcureWizard are helping us to achieve this principle. Mike suggested that we ask Matt Tebbit to do an Insights podcast but solely on MoC in order to sell it to more members and Annabel feels that it would be good to have a forum solely dedicated to MoC. Mandy added that we should also push this at regional meetings and add it to their Agendas.

## 13. Kale Yeah!

Chester have received an email from Friends of the Earth to inform that will not be continuing with this project and it will be disbanded.

## 14. WRAP Action Week

This will run from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and Mandy urged members to take part in this. Annabel confirmed that Cardiff will be participating. Mike asked if anyone is doing anything around British Food Fortnight. Mandy asked if Annabel would do a podcast on Food Waste Action Week. There was an action on Mandy to put this question out.

**Action: Mandy**

## 15. Sustainability Meetings with Suppliers

There has been an increased uptake from 68% to 76% on the NetPositive Development Tool. The more we do to this, the more it will increase.

## 16. Any Other Business

Annabel asked about local suppliers and if there are any frameworks for this. There was an action on the Secretary to add this to future Agendas.

**Action: Secretary**

Mike announced that he has met with Social Enterprises UK. We have a large number of SMEs on our CICS (Catering Innovation Concept Solutions) framework. Annabel is unable to buy milk from the local farmer as he is not accredited. There is however a route to market via the DPS system. David Oakley uses a small local farm but they are not able to supply to anyone else. Mandy will look into core accreditations which are required. Winchester work with a couple of small suppliers directly including free-range eggs. Annabel advised that the amount that Cardiff are spending on milk will take them over the EEU threshold over a 3 year period. Nichola asked how we encourage the suppliers to be on board without putting them off with the processes? Mike suggested having a dedicated area on the website where information can be uploaded. There was an action on Mike to feed back to the group at the next meeting and canvass members for their local providers as well as working with Anj on the website.

**Action: Mike**

## 17. Date and Venue for Next Meeting

Next meeting to take place early December.