

Sustainability Action Plan (SAP)

It is important to keep thinking about the environmental impact of our association, and to promote sustainable alternatives, especially as a study association for Biology. Therefore, the following guidelines have been set up:

- a. When organising an activity, association bodies have to fill in a sustainability checklist at least two weeks in advance of the activity, which will be checked by a board member. With this checklist on the website, association bodies are summoned to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste during activities. An example of such a checklist can be found in the appendix of this document. If the checklist was already handed in, but the necessary items for the activity end up changing, this is possible, and flexibility is provided. However, the board has to be updated about this as soon as possible. This procedure will be stated in the script of the committee chairmen.
- b. Buying single use cups, plates, cutlery, bags or other products that can realistically be avoided within the budget will not be allowed anymore. In case of non-compliance, the expenses made will not be refunded by the treasurer of BeeVee.
- c. Transportation by plane for the annual study trip is not allowed except once every three years or in case of an emergency. The destination must be within Europe, and the travel time by public transport to the destination must be at least 15 hours before air travel is considered.
- d. When using plane for transportation, outside of emergencies, but if reasonable including, co2 compensation must be carried out via means to be approved by the board at least 2 months before departure date or as soon as possible after emergency flight.
- e. When food is provided by committees, the board or other association bodies during activities of BeeVee, only vegetarian food can be served, and it cannot be promoted to bring your own meat. When you are at an external location where a third party is in charge of the catering at least two vegetarian options need to be available for the members.
- f. Annually, at least one activity with a sustainability theme will be organised by BeeVee in order to increase awareness about this topic. This will be realised via a biannual discussion in Internal Relations (IR).
- g. At least one person within the board will be responsible to ensure that our association continues to think about (ways to improve) the sustainability of the association. This will be evaluated every half year at a General Meeting of Members (GMM).
- h. To prevent an unnecessary surplus, there has to be either a pre-sale or sign-up for all new merchandise, other non-consumable items that are for sale and non-consumable items that will be distributed to members for free. This applies to both committees and the board. Only the associations magazine and study materials are excluded.

Furthermore, BeeVee will make money available to invest in sustainable products. If an association body wants to make use of this budget, this can be requested by contacting the board.

There remains the possibility of deviating from these guidelines if deemed necessary by the board. The board remains to have the final say in this matter. Naturally, sustainability should always be kept in mind when making these decisions.

The abovementioned Sustainability Action Plan has been approved on the General Meeting of Members held on the 9th of March 2022. The Sustainability Action Plan has been altered in the General Meeting of Members held on the 28th of May 2024, changing the current clauses c and d to allow for study trips using plane for transportation while keeping sustainability in mind.

Because of the importance of sustainability to the board of BeeVee and to the association, this document has been signed by all board members.

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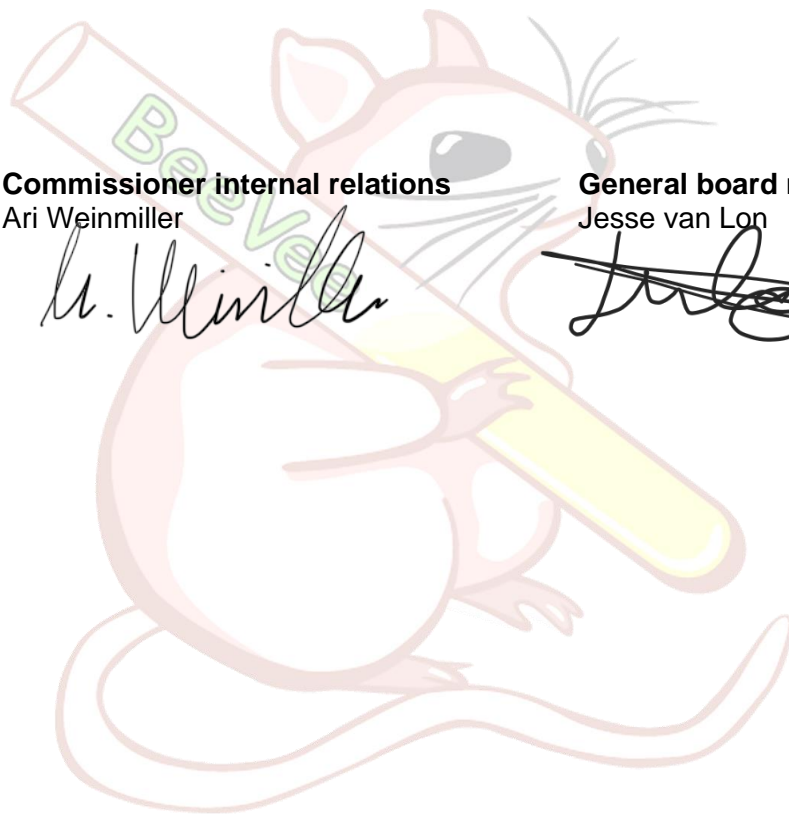
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Sustainability Checklist for Activities

1. What materials will be bought for your activity?

2. Will any of these materials be bought online?

- Yes
- No

If yes, why was it decided to do so?

3. How many posters or other things need to be printed for your activity?

4. Can any of these materials be found in the FAC cabinet?

- Yes
- No

5. If not, can any of these materials be replaced by a more sustainable alternative, or can they be left out completely without affecting the activity?

- Yes
- No

If yes, why was it decided to choose for the current material?

6. Can these materials be reused in the future?

- Yes, for: _____
- No

If no, what are you planning on doing with these materials after the activity?

7. Will you make use of a car for your activity?

- Yes, for _____
- No

8. How will you ensure that as little food as possible goes to waste?

