RecycleMania. Scott reported that after third week of competition we have recycled 2,948 pounds, ranking #123 of 218 participating schools. Our yearly total is somewhat behind last year. In response to a question, more of our recycling comes from dormitories than academic buildings.

Green Week. This was the most exciting part of our meeting. Dan summarized plans to date. Begins 4/17 with Norton Center event Nestle / Miller and ends with David Shi on 4/26. Cindy has arranged presentations by Amanda Hagood (env lit) and Carmel Price (socio). Off-campus activities include Mountain Witness Tour and community service opportunities. On-campus activities include: e-waste collection, junk art competition, a Sustainability Fair in connection with Carnival activities on 4/27, a lecture slam (MacNabb), possibly Young Farmers Panel, Cheryl Coulters Recycling booth, maybe solar panel demonstration, maybe a stage with drama production. After our meeting, Elizabeth Trollinger reported the Centre web-page will literally be green for the period. Dan, Cindy, and Patrick K-M are leading this effort. Lindsey Clark (SLO) will be liaison for Carnival events.

Centre Institute for Food Ethics Research. Dan reported the formation of a new institution on our campus dedicated to exploring our most basic and common ethical action. http://web.centre.edu/phi/cifer/index.html

Air Travel Mitigation Fund. Preston reported that only about $100 has been collected this year, relative to about $1,000 last year. The group suggested more aggressive promotion. Suggestions included a check off or check on box on the application/contract. This would make contribution more convenient for students and faculty. Vicki reminded we should be cautious about making this seem mandatory or compulsory. Administrative review is appropriate.

Water Bottle Filling Station. Natalie reported the equipment has been ordered and installation would be soon. Scott suggested changing the location to outside Hazelrigg gym. Natalie agreed this would be more convenient and agreed to the change. Pending plumbing issues. We discussed the wisdom of the positive approach Centre has taken regarding disposable water bottles. Everyone was in agreement that a strict water bottle ban would be unwise.

Environmental Studies Program Committee. Though our committee is not directly involved in academic issues we do have an indirect interest because the Presidents Climate Commitment includes:

- Actions to make climate neutrality and sustainability a part of the curriculum and other educational experience for all students.
- Actions to expand research or other efforts necessary to achieve climate neutrality (website: http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/about/commitment)
Dan reported the recent annual review of the environmental studies program was very encouraging. The new IT director, Sarah Lashley, has primary academic background in natural resources and environment and she will offer two courses per year in the field. Inquiries by current freshman and sophomores have been very high for self-designed majors in sustainability related areas. Vicki lifted up the value that paid internships can have for students pursuing ENS.

**Iberdrola Hedge.** Steve reported Iberdrola has unsold capacity and is offering long-term contracts. The important issues are price level and minimum purchase. There is no up-front cost. This opportunity offers potential for both financial and environmental leadership. This will be a new Centre and Kentucky and will almost certainly have to be reviewed by the state Public Service Commission. Investigation will continue.

**Beech Tree Planting** Susie Roush has coordinated donation of three 4-5” caliper American beech trees to be planted in front of Young Hall. We have been offered the opportunity to adopt this event as part of our TreeCampus USA program. Elizabeth will be liaison with Communications dept.

**Club Compost.** A new student group is investigating composting at Centre. Barrie reported students are working in three parallel lines: (1) amounts of material, both pre- and post-consumer, (2) costs and availability of funds, (3) methods of composting, i.e. in-vessel and open-air.

**Lights on Athletic Fields** Preston reported, and several others confirmed, that lights are often left on unnecessarily on our athletics fields. The most perplexing in the tennis courts, though other locations were mentioned. Scott said these are turned on by a key that is issued to coaches for the gymnasiums. By subsequent contact with Public Safety we learned that tennis lights have a publicly accessible switch. The lights are an inconvenience to our neighbors. If lighted fields are constructed on south campus the problem could become greater. Someone asked if this is a responsibility that could be turned over to Public Safety. Preston was asked to discuss the problem with Sonny Evans.

**Campus Sustainability Data Collector.** AASHE has developed this system to address the “survey fatigue” problem. CSDC will be a database into which colleges, like Centre, would enter information only once. Then organizations like Sierra Club, Sustainable Endowments Institute, etc., will have access to the common data set from which they will each use their own criteria and make their own ratings. Potentially a big time saving. Preston reported there are a total of 144 separate questions in five sections and estimated many man-hours to fill this out. It will be very difficult to get this completed before the first due date of March 15.

**Car Sharing.** Pending final contract signing, we are on track to have Enterprise Inc, We-Car program in place by fall 2012. This has the potential to be a cost savings to our students and their families. And maybe save a little CO₂. Our committee enthusiastically endorsed the program.

**Electric Vehicle Charging Station.** Discussions in Student Life office about installing an charging station for all-electric cars determined there are no such stations in our state. Steve summarized that Centre certainly does not want to be an obstacle or even inconvenience for
employees or students bringing electric cars to campus. By the same token we do not want to have reserved parking slots that nobody uses. Around our table we could not identify any electric cars on campus. The question was raised that since Kentucky is a coal state, carbon dioxide emissions from electrically powered vehicles might be higher than for gasoline powered vehicles. A second question concerned LEED points and EVCS.

**Wind Energy Measurement project.** New information from National Renewable Energy Lab suggests areas in central/western Boyle county may have average wind velocity necessary for utility-scale wind turbines. A proposal has been submitted to make careful measurements of wind energy in our area. Judy will help with finding companies that climb towers. Preston solicited collaborators.

**GROWS.** The group has met and is making plans for spring-summer 2012.

Next Meeting – March 13th or 15th.