**Sustainability Report SMG 1/12/22**

We are still moving forward with a number of items to prepare CVS for the upcoming UoE Silver Sustainability Award audit in March 2023.
There has been some delay on some specific items as we are, like so many others, still currently spending many hours every day mired in the mess of P&M but

* New signage on Fume hoods to remind lab users to close the sashes when not in active use will be completed in December
* Information campaign by email and poster emphasising the reversal of policy on the power shutdown of fume hoods when not in use will start this month.
* Implementation of the previously approved increase of all CVS Ultra low Freezer temperatures from -80C to -70C has been slightly delayed from November but will now be introduced in early January 2022 alongside the new CVS freezer signage policy that will allow us to display a clear visual record of freezer maintenance and cleaning
* Introduction of digital timers on various pieces of electrical equipment starting in December with our ice machines to allow us to have overnight timed shutdowns of heavy running equipment. This was delayed due to failure of 3 CIR ice machines in October meaning we were having to provide increased capacity to whole QMRI.
* Regular updates on Sustainability actions to be included in the CVS Newsletter from January onwards
* Website presence will be substantially increased and minutes, committee members names and interests and reference material will be able to be stored and accessed from a single site.

CVS Sustainability support continues to fall to a very small number of mainly technical staff and students across CVS and there is currently no representation from academic staff at any level on the Sustainability Committee. Indeed many larger CVS groups or entire laboratories have no representation at all.

It should be stressed to staff and students that engaging with Sustainability can be recorded as part of individual personal and professional development for academic staff and can be a useful item for discussion in the annual P&DR process.