



On Friday 26th January, a meeting was held at the University of Gloucestershire which was organised by Heather Whitham of the Higher Education Academy and Arran Stibbe of the University of Gloucestershire, who is also a member of the Friends of Pittville Executive Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to look for ways that students could work in partnership with the local community on projects which contributed to social and environmental sustainability.

Professor Tony Mason, Chairman of the Friends of Pittville, addressed the meeting and suggested a number of ways that students could work with the group in the investigation of historical, social and environmental aspects of the park, with respect to possible funding applications for improvement of the park.



His suggestions included study of the origins and social evolution of the Pittville Estate; study of the evolution of the houses and occupancy of the estate, study of flora and fauna, study of water in the estate, social survey of current public opinions and aspirations for the Park, including youth survey, study of uses to which the park has been put in the past and extent of relevance to the future, and a specific examination of sustainability factors in renewal and restoration.

Representatives from Bisley Parish Council and Vision 21 then discussed a range of other ways that students could work with the local community on sustainability issues.