Updates:

- **SEA: Gavin**: subgroups taking on projects
  - Organic dinner April 24 at Edge w/speaker
    - Maybe weeklong organic menu at the Edge
  - Green pledge for seniors
  - Showing for
  - Working on Coop issues
  - Fundraising for Nalgenes for incoming class
  - Booklet for next year: environmental review plus “how to be green at Colgate”
- **Hot Earth Cool Campus/Focus the Nation: Katelyn**: 
  - Planning for PowerShift and Focus the Nation for next year
  - Coalition of NY schools to reduce emissions
  - Step It Up
- **Publicity**: Lindsey, Devren are trying to do publicity for all environmental events with a common theme; they should contact Barbara Brooks to coordinate; will also put stuff on the sustainability website.
- **Environmental Council (Bob)**: sustainability coordinator position is very likely to be approved
- **Green Earth Gang**: Chris Sauter, Ben Schmidt, Alison Stokes are working; Bob reported that Ed. Studies Dept is trying to hire for someone who will be interested in env.education
- **Green Summit**:
  - **Green Bikes**: Trevor: bikes will be tuned up during spring break, will be buying 12 more and then advertise for more users; Beth Parks asked whether the program could operate in a slightly different way in the summer to “rent” a bike instead of having bikes be communal. No. Maybe Green Bikes will become a Loj program (house members will manage the program)
  - Host crew volunteers:
  - Food waste: Scrape the Plate last Mon and Tues; 741 people, 160 lbs of waste. Tuesday had less waste. So awareness might have raised. Great success. Dining Hall was very cooperative. Students are talking about it and think there should be more events like this. Petition for composting has lots of signatures.
  - **Env.education group (Abby Rowe)**: they’ve obtained permission for ½ - 1 hour during orientation, so what would be effective? Maybe they’ll do a survey to find out, unless other people have already done it. Suggestions: water use (turn off the water when brushing teeth), paper waste, info about environmental groups,
  - **Paper waste group (Christy Gault)**: looking into tracking system to see where lots of paper use happens; starting a petition drive and take that info and other info (peer groups) to administration to try to implement this system. Maybe should talk to Mike Schneider and Jim Bona & Claudia
Servadio-Coyne. Ideas about how to customize it depending on different courses, etc.

- Anti-bottled water group: want to collect bottles from trash in dorms and display it on the quad to show how many are used; creating buttons and maybe having pledges; Res Life might provide funding, Wellness Initiative, Loj; Nicole announced that EC has provided funds to host crew
- Stop NYRI group: install some weather balloons at height of towers; maybe create a video about how students can be involved;
- More trees please (Gavin): getting funds ($5-600) to buy trees (1-2 foot saplings). Frank Frey is excited about project. Mix of native trees esp. hardwoods. Plant in mid-to-late April/early May. Protect from deer; working on where and who will join in the planting. Maybe call Morrisville office of the Cornell Cooperative.

- New ideas:
  - Campus sustainability report card: who should respond? EC? Maybe make a modified version of it?
  - Compact fluorescents: can bookstore sell them? Steph will contact bookstore or C-store.
  - Reusable plates and flatware for lunches and dinners? Some centralized location on campus for people to borrow from?
  - Scene (and Maroon-News) by subscription instead of getting one to all students?
  - No plastic bags at bookstore?
  - Lighting on athletic fields?
  - Paper-free SET forms?
  - Outfitting a campus building to be more env. friendly: Loj