

Dear sustainability enthusiasts,

Welcome to the 37th edition of the newsletter that we publish as the university's climate action management team. Here you will find small reports from the university's climate action and sustainability cosmos at more or less regular intervals.

If you have recently joined us (yay!), you can view the old issues on the [website](#).

### Last-Minute Invitation

Even though we're a bit late with this event announcement, we don't want to keep the Oldenburg Climate Symposium a secret from you. By the time you open this email, the event will already be in progress. Under the theme "Climate, People, and Energy," the event promotes dialogue between science, industry, and society. Perhaps you'll be able to make it to the screening of "2040: We're Saving the World!" at cine k on Thursday (Oct. 8) starting at 6:30 p.m. A dash of optimism and the courage to find solutions probably can't hurt right now, and admission is free. You can find an overview of the current Climate Symposium and the program from past events [here](#).

### 25 Bikes for Almost Everyone

Let's quickly get back to the good news. Since September 16, 2026, you as an employee now officially have access to a selection of bicycles in the central vehicle fleet. This gives you the option to use a cargo bike, folding bike, or trekking bike for work-related trips. In addition, there are the decentralized campus bikes that were purchased for your organizational unit. We'd like to take this opportunity to express our huge thanks to everyone who volunteered to handle the rental and maintenance of the bikes! By the way, the campus bikes were funded by the University Climate Action Fund—using money from the CO2 tax on air travel. You can find an overview of all campus bikes and the rental process [here](#).

### Spotted

It's always a good idea, of course, to walk around campus with your eyes open. Starting this October, it'll be even more worthwhile, because you might just stumble upon a gift from the book fairy. As part of the small but wonderful "book fairies" project, curated selections of books will appear in various locations around campus over the next few months. If you find one, you can take it with you—and ideally pass it on after you've finished reading it. As you might guess, these books all revolve—in a narrow or broader sense—around the topics of sustainability, climate protection, and nature. (And, of course, the books aren't actually hidden on campus by a book fairy, but by us from the climate protection management. The original idea comes from a British initiative called "book fairies," and Emma Watson has even participated.) We post clues on the university's Instagram channel and website about where a new book might turn up. You can even sign up for an email list that will notify you almost immediately when the book fairy has been out and about again. By the way, the whole project was sponsored by the Oldenburg University Society. It's best to check out the project on the website—you can do so [here](#).

### Save the date: SSB No. 4

We'd also like to invite you to mark March 11, 2027, on your calendar. That's when the

fourth [Sustainability Sounding Board](#) will take place, and we'd of course be delighted if you could join us (again). Since we've had good experiences with giving the event an overarching theme in the past, this time we'll be focusing on the topic of health/medicine and sustainability. If you have a specific suggestion for a presentation, workshop, or speaker on this topic, we'd love to hear from you! In the meantime, you can also take another look at the last [Sustainability Sounding Board](#) from September 10, 2026—the results are now available on the website [here](#).

#### Green Growth

On our website, we're documenting the Tiny Forest's development through photos (it'll be turning 2 years old in November, by the way). The Presentation technology team kindly took these photos of the little forest for us in September, and the pictures really show the huge burst of growth the Tiny Forest has experienced over the past 12 months. Thanks to all of you who help make sure no trash is left behind in the Tiny Forest or who lend a hand when something does happen to be left behind. By the way, you can find the photo gallery [here](#).

With one final reminder about Fairtrade Menu Day in the cafeteria on October 22, we'll wrap up this issue of the newsletter and wish you a fall that's far too warm—but still lovely!

Best regards,

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