

## Zero Waste Addingham

Notes from the inaugural meeting in the Swan, March 21<sup>st</sup> 2019

Present: Dave Johnston, Fiona Mann, Janet Hindle and Rick Battarbee

1. At its meeting in January 2019, the Addingham Environment Group steering committee agreed to set up a **“Zero Waste Addingham” project**
2. “Zero waste” is concerned with reducing waste of all kinds and at all stages in the production process. It is an integral part of a shift towards a **“circular economy”** in which overall consumption is reduced, products are designed to be re-used or recycled and nothing ends up in landfill
3. Key issues are **plastics (especially single-use plastics), food waste and recycling**
4. Progress so far in the village includes (i) reduction in use of plastic bags, bottles and straws by several businesses; (ii) joining the Yorkshire Water “Refill” scheme where cafes and pubs offer to refill drinking water bottles on request; (iii) the Primary School’s plan to become a “plastic free school” following the “Surfers against Sewage” scheme; (iv) our litter-picking campaigns with AEG volunteers both in village green space and along the becks.
5. **Raising awareness about recycling.** Dave agreed to source more recycling posters and handouts from Bradford Council for distribution at the Spring Fayre and other events, and we agreed the general importance of helping residents to understand the Bradford recycling scheme, what to put in which bins and what happens to waste after collection
6. **Raising awareness about single use plastic:** we noted the event in Ilkley at the Co-op organised by Wharfedale Tackles Plastic demonstrating the over-use of plastic in wrapping food items. Jan agreed to explore organising a similar event with the local Co-op
7. Reducing use of plastic: **Dave noted the Waste Not pop-up shop in Burley** that provides refills for detergents and others items and agreed to explore whether a similar facility could be organised in Addingham
8. Reducing the use of plastic: Rick reported Addingham had been invited by Yorkshire Water to register Addingham as **an official REFILL scheme.** Rick to pursue
9. Reducing the use of plastic: we agreed it was important for **Addingham businesses** to sign up but we should first ask for their ideas. Fiona agreed to discuss with selected owners of local businesses.
10. **Reducing food waste:** We lack knowledge on this issue, so it was agreed we would in the first instance ask Sarah Mayo of the Sandwich shop for advice.
11. Membership: All four present expressed an interest in taking this agenda forwards but agreed more help was required. Agreed that Rick would put out **a call for new members.**
12. **Date of next meeting:** to be decided.