

Zero Waste Addingham

Notes

The Hub, Tuesday 18th June 6 pm

Present: Fiona Mann, Hilary Cave, Dave Johnston, Jan Hindle, Sam Makin, Belle Makin and Rick Battarbee

- 1. Welcome and story so far:** AEG has been working on aspects of waste for some time but the first formal meeting of the “Zero Waste” subgroup was not until 21st March this year. The Zero Waste display at the Environment Weekend on May 18th was popular and a good number of residents signed up to join the group. All were invited to attend this meeting. Those not able to attend expressed their interest in remaining involved and in attending future meetings. Agreed we should identify ourselves (with the exception of Hilary) on email to the wider group but use bcc for others to protect their contact details until individuals give permission for their email addresses to be revealed. **Action: Rick to email the wider group to explain and seek individual permissions**
- 2. Primary School “plastic free school” project.** Headteacher Hilary explained how the project designed by Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) operated and described the exceptionally rapid progress the school under the guidance of Mr Duxbury had made in implementing it. Work has included litter picking in the School Grounds, identifying the sources of the litter, writing letter to the companies involved and writing letters to MP John Grogan who is due to visit the school on 28th June. Hilary also described some of the ideas the school has had to reduce its own use of plastic, especially in the kitchen, such as buying ice cream and yogurt in large containers rather than small tubs and re-using margarine tubs within the school as containers. An article is being prepared for publication in the Ilkley Gazette. **Actions: Hilary to compile list of initiatives being taken by the school, Fiona and Rick to publicise the school programme on Totally Locally and AEG Facebook pages**
- 3. Yorkshire Water Refill Scheme** - Rick explained how the scheme operated via the Refill app and that the Swan, Ginger Plum and Sandwich Shop had already signed up. Sam agreed to become the Addingham co-ordinator for the scheme. **Actions: Rick to send Sam more information about the role of coordinator and contact Charlotte Hawkins the local area representative; Sam to invite appropriate local businesses to sign up, including Hamiltons**
- 4. Totally Locally** - Fiona explained that the business community were very busy with a range of commitments and hadn't yet been able to engage fully with our waste agenda. It was noted that the plastics issue was a sensitive one given the nature of Jan Garth's business but agreed that the campaign to reduce use of plastic referred to unnecessary use of plastic not to specialist products. It was agreed that Jan and Rick should seek to attend the next Totally Locally meeting. **Action: Fiona to ask the Totally Locally committee if Jan and Rick could attend their next meeting to explain our agendas on waste and carbon**
- 5. Burley pop-up refill/waste-not shop** - It was agreed that the possibility of setting up a pop-up refill shop in Addingham should be explored based on the model in Burley. A location would be needed either in a car park or in a shop not in use and it would be necessary to discuss the idea with individuals in the village whose businesses might be affected. **Action: Dave to contact Charlotte Hawkins to explore whether she would be interested in opening an Addingham branch or could advise on how we might do it ourselves.**

6. **Co-op plastic unwrap event** - Wharfedale Tackles Plastic successfully organised a public event at the co-op in Ilkley recently to draw attention to the amount of unnecessary plastic used in food wrapping. It was agreed that we should explore the possibilities of carrying out a similar event with our Addingham co-op. **Action: Jan to find out more by contacting Anne Cuthbertson of WTP and the manager of the Ilkley co-op**
 7. **Bradford recycling** - The immediate issue is the continuing uncertainty over what can and cannot be recycled although Bradford has produced a range of very useful leaflets that we distributed on the Environment Weekend and it provides clear instructions on its website. **Actions: Rick to make leaflets available on the AEG stand at the village Gala and to encourage residents to sign up to receive Bradford's recycling newsletter**
 8. **Terracycle, crisps, Scouts** - Rick reported that Scoutleader Paul Jennings had emailed to say the Scouts have signed up to Terracycle's crisp packet recycling scheme, based at the Scouts Pavilion and asked for it to be publicised within the village on the AEG circulation list and social media. **Action: Rick to find out more details and Rick and Fiona to promote on Facebook**
 9. **Food waste** - We noted that although Bradford Council do not have a food waste collection system Central Government is putting pressure on local authorities to do so. Pending such a move we agreed it was important to explore alternatives which could include taking part in private schemes for food waste collection such as the one under discussion in Ilkley and/or creating a community compost scheme based on the village allotments. **Actions: Jan to research the alternative schemes and explore the possibility of an allotment-based scheme with Simon Tennant**
10. **Other ideas**
- Sam was concerned that residents needed to drive to Ilkley to recycle textiles. Agreed in general that there was a shortage of recycling points in the village. **Action: Dave to research whether more recycling points could be installed in the village**
 - Sam wondered whether more could be done within the village to re-use and /or recycle things within the village using noticeboards (as in the co-op), electronic platforms (the Hub screen) or social media (Instagram or Facebook), or even whether there could be an annual jumble sale aimed both at re-using things but also at raising funds. **Action: all to research and discuss at the next meeting**
11. **Raising awareness** - Although Totally Locally has over 2000 followers it was agreed that the younger generation is more likely to use Instagram rather than Facebook. **Actions: Sam to set up an Instagram account just for the Zero Waste Group and Rick to set up an AEG Instagram account to enable sharing between platforms, Sam to advise**
 12. **Sharing jobs** - There should be enough individuals in the wider zero waste group to share jobs so that no-one has more than one or two responsibilities.
 13. **DONM** - Tuesday 10th September 6 pm. The next meeting is some time away. It's important to stay in touch with each other between now and then. **Action: Sam to explore whether we can use WhatsApp as a secure internal information/discussion medium**