

Zero Waste Addingham Notes

The Hub, Tuesday 10 September 6 pm

Present: Fiona Mann, Ian Benson, Rachel Brittain, Melanie Taylor, Rachael & John Sharples, Dave Johnson, Jan Hindle, Sam Makin, Belle Makin and Rick Battarbee

Apologies: Hilary Cave

- 1. Welcome:** Rick welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially those who had come along for the first time.
- 2. Actions from meeting on 18 June not covered elsewhere.**

Zero Waste email circulation group: Rick confirmed he had emailed the wider group and sought individual permissions.

Sharing Jobs: Melanie suggested we take turns at writing up the notes of the meeting.

Using Instagram:
Still outstanding: 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
- 3. Primary School “plastic free school” project**

Hilary had provided details of all the initiatives that the school is taking, which was all very encouraging and impressive.

Action: Fiona and Rick to publicise the school’s activities on Totally Locally and AEG Facebook pages.
- 4. Yorkshire Water Refill Scheme**

Sam had had limited time over the summer holidays, but confirmed she was still very happy to act as co-ordinator. She had contacted Charlotte Hawkins the local organiser and the paperwork was all done.

Action: Sam to start contacting local businesses to invite them to join the scheme.
- 5. Totally Locally & local business**

Rick had attended the Totally Locally committee meeting in July to talk through our agendas on waste and carbon. A good and useful discussion.

The Amble
Fiona confirmed that TL’s next event, the Amble, would be single use plastic free. Walkers would be encouraged to use refillable bottles. A local business had offered to donate refillable bottles.

Rowlands Pharmacy
The continuing use of single use public bags by the pharmacy and the recent introduction of sealed plastic bags for repeat prescriptions, making it impossible for customers to refuse a plastic bag was discussed. Agreed we should continue to campaign on this issue.

ACTION: Fiona to write to Rowlands.
- 6. Refill/waste-not shop for Addingham**

Dave had talked to Charlotte Hawkins who runs the Burley shop. She doesn’t have the capacity to offer a mobile service in Addingham, but she would be very happy to offer advice.

Melanie said she was very interested in this idea and was happy to do more detailed research. She thought that starting with household products, soaps etc. rather than foodstuffs might be best. Fiona suggested sounding out Sarah Mayo, about stocking some refillable dry food lines, although her space was limited.

ACTION: Melanie to contact the Burley shop, Seagulls in Leeds, the Skipton Market stall and report back.
- 7. Co-op - policy on single use plastic & reducing packaging**

Jan had been into the local store and discovered that there was currently no store manager or assistant in post. She had contacted the Co-op food division to find out more about corporate policy on reducing packaging and single use plastic, and what might be done in the local store. So far, she had only received a very general reply, signposting to their policy document. Rachael said that her sister knows the MD of the Food Division, and this might be another avenue to follow

ACTION: Jan to circulate the policy document to the group for info and follow up with the Co-op Food Division, re offering more loose produce/ refills in the local store.

8. Bradford recycling

Dave reported on the visit he had made to the BMDC recycling operation, in his capacity as a Recycling Champion for Addingham. He had discussed the possibility of a textile recycling point with Edith Grooby the Council's Recycling Manager. He had since discovered that there is already one in The Sailor car park.

ACTION: Dave to visit The Sailor and find out more. Rick/Fiona to publicise on Facebook.

Edith is willing to come over to Addingham to discuss initiatives.

ACTION: Dave to invite Edith to come to the next Zero Waste Group meeting

9. Scouts Terracycle crisp recycling point

Rachel B described how the scheme works. The yellow bin is now in place at the Scout Pavilion. She and her son are running it. Bins have to be purchased (cost £40). Rachel was congratulated for taking this initiative.

ACTIONS:

Rachel to let Rick know if she needs help with the sorting, so a call can be put out to AEG volunteers.

Monitor how the crisp scheme works, and consider whether to set up other Terracycle recycling schemes:

https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/about-terracycle/free_recycling_programs

10. Food waste

Jan's report on the current position was noted. Agreed for households we should concentrate on tips/advice on reducing food waste and encouraging composting. For business, find out more about the Ilkley scheme and what local businesses currently do with their food waste.

ACTIONS:

Sound out Elaine Grooby re BMDC support for a community composting scheme, when we meet her.

Jan to find out about Ilkley scheme and to talk to businesses in Addingham.

11. Annual village reuse & swap event

Sam outlined her idea for an event to encourage households to offer items for reuse. All thought this is a great idea. People would be invited to have a stall at their house, and in return for fee would be included on the event map. All thought this is a great idea.

Sam offered to organise and co-ordinate this.

ACTION: Sam to develop the details and look at possible dates.

12. Raising awareness: offering talks on recycling and waste management to village organisations

Ian Benson has a background in the waste management industry. He and Dave Johnson said that they were happy to work together to give joint talks.

ACTION: Ian and Dave to develop a presentation, for discussion at the next meeting.

13. DONM - Tuesday 22nd October 6 pm.

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