

Zero Waste Addingham Notes

The Hub, Tuesday 22 October 6 pm

Present: Fiona Mann, Ian Benson, Melanie Taylor, Dave Johnston (in the chair), Margaret Batley, Jan Hindle, Rick Battarbee, Edith Grooby

Apologies: Hilary Cave, Rachel Britten, Sam & Belle Makin

1. **Welcome:** All delighted that Dave Johnston had volunteered to chair the group. He welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially those who had come along for the first time. Dave also welcomed and introduced Edith Grooby, Bradford Council's Recycling Manager.
2. **This meeting's minute taker**
Jan offered to note take.
ACTION: Melanie will take notes at the next meeting
3. **Apologies noted above**
4. **Note of the 10 September Meeting - matters arising**
Action points would be covered under agenda items.
5. **BMDC Recycling & Waste Management - Edith Grooby**
Edith briefed the group on what happens to our recycling and residual waste and answered questions.
 - Addingham waste is collected by the Keighley Depot. Our recycling rate is good, and higher than other parts of the District.
 - Contamination in the black recycling bins is still an issue, although much improved compared to when the current waste collection system was introduced in 2015 (down from 40% to 25% by weight). The waste is sorted by hand and contaminants removed, before the recyclable materials are sent off for processing. Typical contaminants - plastic bags, and items such as nappies.
 - The Council has a team of Recycling Adviser who work particularly with residents in parts of the District where recycling rates are lower and contamination high, to educate and change behaviours.
 - Only 3% of the District's waste goes to landfill. The residual waste (in the green bins) is processed by Associated Waste Management to produce 'refuse derived fuel' which is sent to the Ferrybridge Multi Fuel power station to produce low carbon electricity.
 - The District's recycling rate is currently at 40% (Leeds- 39%). EU target= to reach 20% by 2020. Tough to do - requires for example 75% of households recycling 75% of their waste.
 - Most important things we could focus on in Addingham is: advice on what can and can't be recycled, encouraging people to reduce the things they throw away (choosing items with less packaging, don't buy unnecessary things), reducing food waste and home composting.
 - Council encourages home composting by offering subsidised compost bins. Not currently a big take up. Don't currently support Community Composting schemes - but willing to investigate.
 - Dog waste - should go in residual waste bin (in bags). RB - noted not good to leave even in the countryside, advice should be always to pick up, pathogens detrimental to wildlife.
 - Reducing use of plastic - there are now a number of campaigning groups e.g. Wharfedale Tackles Plastic across the District. Cllr Vicky Jenkins has been appointed as the Council's Plastic Free Champion and will be bringing the Groups together. IB - noted not all plastic bad, can be useful in helping to reduce food waste by keeping food fresher. Should focus on educating on which plastics can and can't be recycled (e.g. clingfilm particularly difficult as it is a laminate of 3 different plastics).
 - Compostable bags and wrappings - these can't be dealt with by commercial composting, because of technique used. Don't put them in Council's Brown Garden Waste bin, or recycling bin, need to go in the residual waste bin or they should break down in a garden compost bin.

ACTIONS:

1. Edith to investigate if it's possible to drill down and extract Addingham ward recycling/contamination/residual waste figures
2. Jan to send Edith the research on Community Composting schemes
3. Dave to co-ordinate putting together a 'dispelling myths' and recycling and waste reduction checklist for Addingham
4. Ian to investigate arranging a visit to the Leeds Recycling & Heat from Waste plant.

Postscript: Edith confirmed after the meeting that she can get us the weights solely for the Addingham area for residual and for recycling. She will forward these when she has them. She suggests a challenge for us would be to try and reduce the residual (green bin waste) and do a comparison in a years' time to see if villagers' efforts to reduce waste has been a success.

6. Village recycling locations

Dave spoke to The Sailor. The clothing bin (Yorkshire Children's Cancer Charity) has been there for 12 months. Landlord would be happy to see other recycling bins located there.

ACTION: Dave to include details in the Addingham Recycling Checklist.

7. Primary School - Plastic Free

Noted that Jake Duxbury, the teacher who is the school's Eco-Leader will represent Hilary going forward.

Rick briefed the Group on the school's 'Green Heart of the Community' project, launching on Thursday 24 October.

ACTION: Dave to attend Green Heart launch.

Action from the last meeting: Fiona and Rick to publicise the school's activities on Totally Locally and AEG Facebook pages. Noted that Jan Garth has taken over the TL Facebook page. Rick to make contact.

8. Teracycle Scheme

Rachel reports that the Scout's crisp packet collection is going well. The bin fills up in about 4 weeks, and she has been able keep on top of the sorting.

ACTION: The Sailor Pub is saving crisp packets - see if Scouts can collect.

Rick reported that Alan Taylor takes his Kenco Tassimo coffee pods to M&S in Pudsey which has a teracycle bin. Alan has offered to take other people's pods, if we can arrange collection.

ACTION: Rick to see if Civic Soc would be prepared to have a collection box for coffee pods at the monthly meeting, also crisp packets. Trial with CS and then invite other organisations to join in.

9. Yorkshire Water Refill Scheme

Sam has signed up three more businesses (The Fleece, Craven Heifer and Hamiltons), making six in total.

ACTION: Rick to promote on Facebook.

10. Plastic 'Free' Village Retailers

Rowlands Pharmacy

Fiona had written to Rowlands but the reply received was disappointing (reply circulated). She personally was now using an alternative Pharmacy.

Co-op - policy on single use plastic & reducing packaging

OUTSTANDING ACTION FROM LAST MEETING: 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.

11. Waste-not shop for Addingham

Mel reported on the research she had done so far, including speaking to the lady who runs the Skipton Market Stall. She suggested that we begin by trialling two products - washing up liquid and liquid soap refills, using the Hub on Saturday mornings.

ACTION: Dave to approach the Parish Council about the possibility of using The Hub. Mel to find out cost of two items and order/delivery arrangements.

Postscript: Dave mentioned this to Wendy Green who in turn has spoken to Jane Markham. Both think it a good idea and Jane will bring it to the Council's attention at its next meeting.

12. Food waste

OUTSTANDING ACTION FROM LAST MEETING: Jan to find out about Ilkley food waste collection proposals and to talk to businesses in Addingham about what they currently do with their waste.

13. Annual village/re-use swap event

Dave reported that Sam is currently researching trading licence requirements.

14. Raising awareness/goals for 2020

ACTION: Dave/Ian to produce a paper for discussion at the next meeting

15. AOB

16. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 11 December 2019 at 18:00 at The Hub

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