

Zero Waste Addingham Notes

The Hub, Wednesday 11th December 2019

Present:, Ian Benson, Jake Duxbury, Sam Makin, Dave Johnston (in the chair), Jan Hindle, Rick Battarbee, Melanie Taylor

Apologies for absence: Fiona Mann

1. Welcome

2. This meeting's minute taker. Dave thanked Melanie for agreeing to take notes at the meeting.

3. Apologies noted above.

4. Note of the 22 October Meeting

Jan made one correction to note 5.5: EU target is to reach 50% not 20% by 2020.

Action points covered under agenda items.

5. Raising awareness/goals for 2020 presentation:

Ian and Dave took us through their slide presentation for comments/feedback

Action: Dave to provide a pdf version for circulation to group members.

The following comments were made:

Slide 5: Recycling in Addingham: contamination in grey bins

It was agreed that single use plastics should be highlighted as the main cause of contamination. Jan suggested the use of props to demonstrate the type of plastic that cannot be recycled.

Slide 6: Average Addingham Household – Jan and Rick suggested that percentages be added to the figures.

Action: Dave to add 31% / 69% to this slide.

Slide 7: Recycling points - in response to Alan Taylor's offer to take coffee pods to a teracycle bin, Rick reported that the Civic Society are prepared to have a collection box for the pods at their monthly meeting. They will also have a box for crisp packets. Other organisations will be approached once this has been trialled.

Plastic free school programme

Jake (Recycling Champion for Addingham Primary School) reported that:

- The school's new Eco Committee are writing letters to companies which don't produce recyclable goods.
- The school is applying for plastic free status.
- They are going to raise money to get a teracycle bin for glue sticks. Rick suggested that the school checks what Teracycle would do with the glue sticks, ie whether it would be any better than what the school is already doing.

- Following a threat from Bradford Council re contamination of their recycling bins, the Eco Committee bin monitors are checking the bins. The main problem appears to have been younger children putting food into the wrong bins.
- There is a need to educate the staff – the staff bin was also contaminated by paper towels.
- There are now 3 battery recycling points and a composter in the staff room for tea bags. The kitchen staff are also using the composter.
- The next termly litter pick will be towards the end of January. Rick suggested there might be a need for a more regular litter pick in the school grounds.
- The school is having a 'switch off' fortnight to raise awareness about energy consumption.

Water Refill points

Sam was thanked for her work in organising 6 refill points.

Action: Sam to approach The Sailor to see if they will agree to be added to the current list of refill points.

Pop up shop

Since the last meeting, an approach has been made by Jane Tapper, (The Plantation, Addingham) whose daughter Emma stocks and sells a small range of cleaning products (Sleek Clean Care). Emma already supplies the Burley pop up shop and other eco outlets. Her company also has eco friendly cleaning products for bikes etc. Jane suggested the possibility of having the refill containers in her shop. If this is not possible, we will approach Totally Locally.

Rick reported that Bryony Holdsworth is willing to help with a pop up shop.

Action: Melanie to follow this up with Jane Tapper and Emma/ Sleek Clean Care to see whether The Plantation might agree to operate a 'pop up shop' on behalf of the Waste Reduction Group.

Action: Rick to check the ingredients of the products.

Re-use/swop event

Sam reported that we need a license from Bradford Council and have to pay up front. The money will be refunded if it's done through the Civic Society (i.e. a charity). Sam has had problems downloading the application form. Proposed name for the event 'Addingham Jumble Trail Sale'. Proposed timing 10-12 on a Saturday morning. Rick reported that Andrew MacLean who lives in Chapel Street has experience in this area and suggested that Sam contacts him.

Action: Sam to send the link to Dave and Jan.

Action: Dave to ask Edith for help, if necessary.

Action: Rick to give Sam contact details of Andrew MacLean and Sam to get in touch for further info.

Plastic free retailing

Jan reported that Surfers Against Sewage is encouraging 'Mass Unwrap' events across the country between Sat 22 Feb and Sun 1 March 2020, to draw attention to plastic packaging at supermarkets. Lots of info on their website about how to organise an event: <https://www.sas.org.uk/organise-a-mass-unwrap/>

In 2019 Wharfedale Tackles Plastic organised an event at the Co-op in Ilkley. Agreed we should align our activities with WTP, and explore whether there is scope to organise an event at Addingham Co-op.

ACTION: Jan to find out whether WTP are planning an event in 2020

ACTION: Jan to contact the Addingham Co-op

Community Composting

Rather than re-inventing the wheel Jan recommended following the Brighton model which required wooden lock-up containers, a user registration system and careful regulation and maintenance.

Jan suggested that we should take up the offer from Bradford Council of three (330 litre) free compost bins. To begin with at least one could be used at the AEG allotment. They are not lockable so not suitable for a community scheme.

Edith Grooby had also offered to run a workshop on composting. This might be used to encourage Addingham residents to compost at home, and also assess support for a community composting scheme for those who do not have space where they live.

Action: Dave to contact Edith Grooby.

Next steps

The meeting concluded that Zero waste would be presented to the Civic Society at its meeting on 27th February 2020 titled 'How green is our village: Part 3'. (*Note from the chair.* Rick, Dave, Ian and Jan agreed to meet to formulate the agenda and structure of this session).

Action Dave to invite Edith Grooby to attend.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 19th February 2020 The Swan 18:00 to 19:00.