

Zero Waste Addingham Notes

The Swan, Wednesday 19th February 2020

Present:, Ian Benson, Dave Johnston (in the chair), Jan Hindle, Rick Battarbee, Fiona Mann

Apologies for absence: Sam Makin, Melanie Taylor, Jake Duxbury, Rachel Brittain

1. Welcome

2. This meeting's minute taker. Dave volunteered to take notes at the meeting.

3. Apologies noted above.

4. Note of the 11 December Meeting

All actions have been covered or are mentioned in the notes below

5. Civic Society Meeting 27th February

Dave proposed one new slide covering the 7 types of plastic and how these should be recycled as even he, as the recycling champion, is confused as to what goes where! He reported that he had written to Edith Grooby asking for her confirmation as to the recycling points.

6 Plastic free school programme

Jake Duxbury provided a written report

Continued actions from the last meeting.

Recycling within school.

- The eco-councillors are now running shifts over lunch time to monitor the recycling bin to ensure there is no cross contamination and therefore no rejections from Bradford council.
- We are in the process of organising with Bradford council to change our recycling system to allow us to use the mixed recycling which will help us recycle more as at the minute we only have limited plastics and paper recycling available to us.

Coffee Pods.

- We are collecting Tassimo coffee pods and packaging in school and have a large box nearly full and would welcome any guidance on how to get these to the relevant place for the terracycle.
- We have also applied to Nespresso and have been confirmed as a recycling collection point for them and they have provided us with a large number of recycling backs to allow us to recycle these pods free of charge as well. If the

group would like to advertise this to the the wider village then we would be more than happy with this. We could organise alternative collection points around the village as is with the Tassimo pods.

Pritt Stick Terracycle.

- I contacted teracycle about the Pritt Stick terra cycle that was mentioned last time and they sent me this information, which I believe makes it worthwhile to organise the fund raising in school to enable us to purchase the terra-cycle to reduce this plastic waste as much as we can.
- *The collected waste is mechanically and/or manually separated into the various forms of plastic that make it up. The separated plastics then undergo extrusion and pelletisation to be moulded into new recycled plastic products.*

Plastic Free Schools.

- We have now submitted the majority of the evidence to Surfers against Sewage and are waiting on some feedback.
- We have our next schools grounds litter pick coming up this half term and have contacted 'Wharfedale tackles plastic' with regards to using the litter picking tools.

'We care about clean air' initiative.

Not strictly recycling but we have signed up to this initiative in a hope of reducing the pollution surrounding our schools at busy periods by promoting alternative methods of transport and educating our children on the effects that not doing so will have on our local environment.

Miniml

We would be keen to be involved in any way we can to help with this project and would be happy to take any guidance on how to do this.

7 Water Refill points

Sam Makin agreed to contact The Sailor to see if it would be willing to be a water refill point.

8 Table Top trail sale

Sam has been thinking of the best way to promote the Addingham Jumble event and to get people interested in joining in.

Sam thought we could create a Facebook page, Instagram and use local online groups to promote it on top of posters, flyers and emailers.

Sam's husband, Henry, can create most of this. People interested in taking part will need to sign up.

The meeting concluded that there should be a £5 sign up fee and that this would go towards publishing the event and printing posters (similar to the Addingham garden trail). Any surplus moneys would go the Addingham Environment Fund.

The meeting agreed that the weekend of 13th/14th June would be a good time to have the event. **ACTION** Sam to firm up which day works best for her.

9 Pop up shop “ Refill shop”?

Mel reported that she had had a very positive meeting with Jane Tapper and her daughter Emma about setting up a refill section in The Plantation.

Emma's refill business is booming and she and her partner Scott have brought out a new range of eco/biodegradable products called Miniml. On Emma's advice, Jane is happy to sell 6 of these products from her shop. These are washing up liquid, laundry liquid, fabric conditioner, hand soap, shower gel/bubble bath, and shampoo. To keep things manageable, they will be sold in 2 quantities: 500 ml and 1 litre. Emma also has glass and recycled plastic bottles available for purchase.

Jane would like to open for business the first week of March .Jane will sell during normal shop opening times (with the exception of Mothering Sunday weekend, 21st March) and see how it goes. There may be tweaks to the product range further down the line, but this clearly exceeds our expectations and original ambitions. They are both very keen and Jane said she wants to do it for Addingham.

Emma has provided all the promotional material, both hard copy and digital. This includes full details of the product ingredients. There will also be a website for Miniml

Dave reported that he called in to see Jane who is excited about the venture. Jane is keen to get the school involved, perhaps supplying 5 litre bottles that the school can use for refilling (if this is practical).

ACTION Mel to liaise with Jake Duxbury and Jane Tapper.

Rick reported that Nicola Tiffany has a pop-up shop van for refilling foodstuffs. This should be complementary to Jane's business.

ACTION Rick to follow up with Mel and Nicola.

10 Plastic free retailing

Jan reported that the Co-op has agreed and supports the Mass Unwrap event on 29th February 2020.

The purpose of the event is

- To draw attention to the amount of plastic packaging we buy at supermarkets, and the Surfers Against Sewage/Wharfedale Tackles Plastic campaign to reduce single use plastic
- provide information on how to re-cycle plastics and other packaging, what to do with items that cannot be easily recycled
- promote Addingham Zero Waste campaign / activities.

Jan reported that she has sufficient volunteers for the day and that she has drawn up roles and responsibilities for those taking part.

11 Community Composting

Dave reported that Edith Grooby kindly let the village have 4 compost bins, 3 of which have been assigned to allotments and the fourth will be a raffle prize at the Civic Society meeting on 27th February 2020.

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.

Dave reported that Edith doesn't feel she has sufficient knowledge to run a compost master class event for us'.

12 Terracycle

Rachel Brittain reported that:

Since it began on 24th August 19 we have sent 24Kg of crisp packets to Terracycle. The bin is currently having to be emptied approximately every 3 weeks. Perhaps we should focus on trying to get the Addingham residents to eat less crisps!!

I have been looking into setting up new streams of waste recycling and a lot of the things that would be quite easy to do are no longer open for new collection points. This includes confectionary wrappers, toothpaste and brushes and bread bags. I am not prepared to do pet food containers as the ones that have been placed into the crisp bin have not been cleaned out and the stench was not one I wish to have in my garage for any length of time. The only other waste stream that is possible would be "Air, home and Laundry packaging". This is much larger and bulkier than the crisp packets and will need some discussion with Paul Jennings of the Scouts as the packaging would have to be stored and sorted at the Scout Hut.

In addition, Rick reported that whilst Terracycle has no plans to create new locations for toothpaste tubes etc it is still possible for us to collect such items in the village and take them to a nearby collection point. The crisp packet and coffee pods collection point at the Memorial Hall on Civic Society meeting days could be used. There are Terracycle Colgate collection points in Ilkley and Skipton.

13 HUB Display in March.

The meeting agreed that Ian and Dave's presentation slides should be used for the display in March. Dave said he would let Wendy Green have the videos from the slides show to be played on a continuous loop on the wall monitor.. Jan suggested that it would be a good idea to have a Plastics quiz.

ACTION Dave and Jan to draw up a quiz.

14 Spreading the Word

Dave reported that he had made contact with Julia Donoghue who is the recycling champion at Baildon. He had circulated their latest newsletter to the Zero Waste group. Julia will be using some of the material from our presentation at Baildon. Rick said that he would liaise with Totally Local to spread the word on zero waste as well as other community groups in the village who may be interested in Ian and Dave presenting at one of their meetings. **ACTION** Rick to contact village groups

Date of next meeting Wednesday 20th April The Hub 17:00 to 18:00.