

Zero Waste Addingham Notes

ZOOM Meeting 27 April 2020

Present:

Ian Benson, Dave Johnston (in the chair), Jan Hindle, Rick Battarbee, Jake Duxbury, Rachel Brittain, Melanie Taylor

Apologies for absence:

Sam Makin, Fiona Mann

1. Welcome

Dave reported that Fiona had sent her apologies as she had no actions from the previous meeting. She would like, however, to be kept informed of what the group is doing.

2. This meeting's minute taker.

Dave volunteered to take notes at the meeting.

3. Apologies noted above.

4. Note of the 19 February Meeting

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

5. What, if anything, can we do in these weird times?

5.1 Plastic Free School programme.

Jake updated the meeting with what is happening within the school.

- Many of the teachers have been asking children to produce artwork using solely recycled materials.
- Year 2 and 3 have been learning specifically about recycling and the children have been taking photos of what their house is recycling every week, which has been fascinating.

3 brief updates:

Coffee Pods.

The first large box of coffee pods was collected just prior to lockdown for the terracycle and we will continue to collect these upon school re-opening fully.

Pritt Stick Terracycle.

This has been put on hold as we need a fund raiser to raise the money to order the terra-cycle which was scheduled for May but now will not be happening until September at the earliest.

Plastic Free Schools.

The school has submitted all its evidence to become a 'Plastic Free School' but no judgements/ awards are being given until the 'Surfers against Sewage' team is back working.

(Sec's note - Apologies I should have mentioned this yesterday. Prior to the meeting Jake contacted Dave to see if the wider AEG could provide a short note explaining the relationship between AEG and the school in support of the school's application.

ACTION Rick agreed to do this)

5.2 Table Top trail sale

Ian commented that as many village events have been cancelled (e.g. Environment weekend and Gala) it would be good to have a table top sale as a village event given that this could be managed within the social distance rules as and when the lock down is eased. The Group agreed with this.

ACTION Dave to liaise with Sam to see what can be done as preparatory work (e.g. artwork/facebook/instagram/design logo) so that we are ready to go when the Government allows. A suitable date for Sam to hold the sale can then be agreed at our next meeting.

5.3 Refill

Detergents etc

Mel reported that Jane Tapper had had a good start to selling the Miniml range of products and that she was keen to develop a relationship with the school as and when lock down restrictions are eased.

ACTION Mel and Jake to follow up at the appropriate time.

Foodstuffs

Ian reported that Home Farm is selling plants, pizza bases and food stuffs.

Dave commented that he had bought green grocery items at The Craven Heifer (packed in paper bags) and that Gavin Paterson was planning to continue this venture when the lock down eases in the double garage at

the side of the premises. Dave suggested that the Craven Heifer could be a potential for food refill (Cereals/nuts etc). This would need to tie in with the discussions that Rick has had with Nicola Tiffany who has a van for refilling foodstuffs (ref notes of February meeting)

ACTION Dave to contact Gavin Paterson.

(update 28 April 2020. Gavin is planning to offer a food refill service - great news!)

ACTION Rick to follow up with Nicola and Jane Tapper explaining the refill situation

5.4 Recycling/Plastic Unwrap/Composting

Jan reported that the unwrap event at the Co-op on 29th February had gone well. We had too many volunteers for the day! However a good positive relationship has developed with the Co-op manager.

Bradford Council had published a note a few weeks ago saying that there had been an increase in contamination of the waste bins and recycling bins. It is urging residents to ensure that the right stuff is placed in the right bin.

It is also encouraging home composting where possible. Jan provided a guide to home composting

https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-compost-your-waste?fbclid=IwAR2TcqVrxhki7LPtx6N4ttuQH3fcmGPD7gURnCRBIZyjXIQoxjDh_PIVq4Q

Rick reported that he had heard that there had been an incident of burning rubbish on an allotment comprising paint and / or plastic. Clearly this should not be happening. It is in the hands of the appropriate authorities.

Ian suggested that we should lobby the Council to reopen the waste recycling sites as it should be possible to maintain the social distancing guidelines. There is a suggestions of fly tipping within the village.

ACTION: Dave to write to Edith Grooby

5.5 Terracycle

Rachel reported that the crisp recycling was going strong. £48 had been raised for scout funds. However, Terracycle has reduced the payment level. By and large, people have not been abusing the waste bin (with one or two minor exceptions).

There are other Terracycle initiatives that may be possible to pursue:

<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades>

ACTION: ALL to review the above to ascertain what may be appropriate for the village

Milestone Design in Ilkley is a drop off point for Confectionery, KP snacks, Lily's Kitchen and Lavazza composting. If appropriate we would need a collection point in the village.

ACTION: Jake to review which items the school may be interested in collecting.

6 Spreading the word

Rick suggested that it would be good to write a few general paragraphs on zero waste for wider distribution in the village. e.g. the wider AEG, Civic Society newsletter

ACTION Dave to write a few paragraphs

7 Date of next meeting

TBA when we know what is happening with lock down easement and in time for agreeing the table top trail.