

Zero Waste Addingham Notes

ZOOM Meeting 7 December 2020

Present:

Ian Benson, Dave Johnston (in the chair), Jan Hindle, Rick Battarbee, Malcolm Secrett, Gil Battarbee

Apologies for absence:

Melanie Taylor, Jake Duxbury, Sam Makin, Nicky Hopwood.

1. Welcome

Dave welcomed Gill to the meeting..

2. Apologies for absence

Melanie Taylor, Jake Duxbury, Sam Makin, Nicky Hopwood.

3. Minutes of October 2020 meeting

These were agreed.

4. Pura Ilkley Update

Carried forward to next meeting.

5. Recycling update

Pura Ilkley is collecting Tassimo and Lavazza coffee pods as well as being a repository of small electrical goods. Malcolm reported that he has already made 3 trips to the recycling centre at Ilkley with the small electricals.

6. School update

Carried forward to next meeting.

7. Plastic tree guards

Rick reported that work had commenced on removing redundant plastic tree guards. The work started on the Daniel Palmer Nature Reserve where most have been removed. The remainder will be removed over the winter.

The opportunity was taken to remove all the guards on Bracken Ghyll golf course whilst the course was closed during lockdown.

Focus then moved to Cuckoo Nest Farm where trees were planted some 7 years ago.

Overall great progress has been made in a short space of time. The challenge now is to re-use the tube guards where we can (Richard Solomans has plans where he is planting some trees on his land) or recycle them. A garden centre at Knaresborough is a collection point for TubeX products.

TubeX guards are made of recycled polypropylene, and the mesh guards are made of polyethylene.

TubeX guards are taken to a recycling plant where they will be washed and cleaned out and afterwards recycled into PP pellets. The pellets will be re-used to manufacture more guards.

Rick commented that the Yorkshire Dales RiverTrust (YDRT) is providing grant funding for c500 trees at Lower Marchup farm. Apparently the trees are supplied with both tree guards and stakes.

As we have rescued both stakes and guards Rick will contact YDRT to see if these can be re-used.

Dave agreed to contact Edith Grooby to see what plans, if any, Bradford Met has for this type of recycling.

8 Litter picking

Rick reported that the litter wardens often litter pick on their own in addition to the 'formal' sessions.

He agreed to contact the 6 or 7 litter wardens to assess their interest in joining the group.

9 How green is our village (part 4).

The meeting agreed that the presentation for the Civic Society on 21 January 2021 would follow the format of the YHACS event from last July. The details will be agreed at the AEG Steering committee on 10 January 2021. Dave will co-ordinate the 5 or 6 slides for Zero waste with a theme of reduce/re-use.

Dave will contact Nicky on this.

10 Environment Weekend 15/16 May 2021

Dave put forward an idea of getting 5 or 6 households to collect a week's worth of recycling stuff which we could put into some builders bags (on the stage in the Memorial Hall or under a gazebo in the car park).

We could then run a competition asking villagers to guess the weight of a week's worth of recycling in the village. This was agreed.

Gill and Jan suggested that it would be a good idea to have a guided walk around the village taking in the table top trail and pointing out the various recycling sites we have (including the school). This was agreed.

Gill also suggested that we should get the saplings involved which was also agreed. It is believed that Nicky may help with some demonstrations on re-use / recycling.

11. Any other Business

Ian suggested that, as Christmas will involve toys with batteries, we should use facebook to let people know that batteries can be recycled at the Coop. **Rick agreed to do this in January.**

Secondly, we should be doing our best to encourage villagers to dispose of Christmas trees in an environmentally friendly manner.

Ian agreed to research his contacts on this.

Dave agreed to contact Edith Grooby to ascertain the Council's position.

12 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12 January 2021 18:00