

Zero Waste Addingham Notes

ZOOM Meeting 2 March 2021

Present:

Ian Benson, Dave Johnston (in the chair), Jan Hindle, Rick Battarbee, Malcolm Secrett, Gill Battarbee (item 8 and 11)

Apologies for absence:

Jake Duxbury, Rachel Britton, Melanie Taylor, Sam Makin, Nicky Hopwood

1. Welcome

Dave opened the meeting.

2. Minutes of December 2020 meeting

These were agreed.

3. Pura Ilkley Update

As Nicky was unable to attend the meeting Dave agreed to contact Nicky regarding the action point below.

Nicky agreed to circulate a presentation of her business to the group.

4. Recycling update

Dave reported that he attended a Zoom call hosted by the Coop on its endeavours to recycle soft plastics that are not recyclable at the kerb side . Around 100 people look part and the group split into 4 sessions to discuss and comment upon the Coop's plans. It is trialing the recycle of 'soft' plastics in c50 stores in the south of England and hopes to roll out to 1500-200 stores by the end of 2021. The 'soft' plastics include e.g. crisp packets, sweet wrappers, pet food pouches, soft lids from yoghurt pots. Essentially the session was a focus group. Some of the queries raised were things like

“Is it only for Coop products?”

“In small stores could the bins be located away from the store?”

Dave agreed to contact Emma Priestley to gauge her reaction.

5. School update

Carried forward to next meeting.

6. Plastic tree guards

Rick and Jan reported that progress continues with tree guard removal during the current lock down. Cuckoo Nest Farm and Judith Wallbank's bottom field are the focus of attention whilst some volunteers are removing guards from trees planted along the by pass - the guards from this area will go to residual waste.

A number of reclaimed guards are being re-used at Marchup.

Rick agreed to contact YDRT and the Millennium Trust to ascertain their needs for utilising reclaimed guards.

Rick reported that he had purchased 20 cardboard guards at a cost of £47.50 which are claimed to have a useful life of 3 years. It is planned to use these around the football field and the school perimeter track. The cardboard guards are a similar price to plastic guards.

7. Litter picking

Rick agreed to contact the village litter pickers to see if they would like to become part of this group.

Bolton Abbey has been in touch to see if we could help with a litter pick on 12 March at Lob Wood. This would require a good risk assessment given the busy road but if we can help them would they reciprocate by helping us balsam bashing in the valley?

Action Rick to revert to Bolton Abbey

Jan reported that the area around the football field/Memorial Hall and the old school site are particularly litter strewn. A concerted litter pick in the spring will focus on these areas.

8 Environment weekend

Dave shared his ideas about the zero waste component of the environment weekend. His thoughts are that the various recycling / refill points around the village should be woven into walks that explore the village's biodiversity and include a quiz e.g. where can you recycle unwanted clothes? where can you take unwanted small electricals?

This was agreed.

Gill suggested that it would be useful to have an A3 sheet folded into a book for children to draw wildlife etc at particular points. This was also agreed.

9 Climate change grant

The group discussed potential projects for the climate change grant. Two thoughts to be developed are:

How can we get our recycling rate up to 50%?

Dave agreed to do some work on this.

Community food composting (uncooked vegetable/fruit waste).

Given that within the conservation area of the village comprises many households with no garden this was favoured particularly if compost bins could be sited within the gardens maintained by the Garden Friends along Main Street. Ian suggested that it would only require about 20 households to make a real difference.

Rick agreed to contact Addingham Garden Friends to gauge their support.

Jan agreed to circulate the paper she had previously produced on the scheme run in Brighton.

11. Any other Business

Gill shared a short video of a badger captured on the night time camera.

12 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13 April 18:00