

Thursday 11 February 2021 – Hunts Waste Busters

### **Attendees and Introduction**

Danette O'Hara – Waste Minimisation Support Officer, HDC

Heidi Field – Waste Minimisation Officer, HDC

Helen, Clerk at Yaxley Parish Council

Jenny, Holme

Heather and Nic, St Ives

Chris, volunteering at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park

### **Group Name**

Hunts Wastebusters, #huntswastebusters suggested by Nic

Already being used by other LA's

Danette has been in contact with another council who are using Wastebusters for their ambassador scheme to share ideas.

### **Social Media**

Food Waste Action Week – 1-7 March – Karen has created several leftover posts for us to share.

Make your own – Heather has volunteered to create a series of post (1 a week/4 weeks)

Thank you for sharing and commenting on the posts – creating great traction.

Joseph has created another video regarding the Yaxley community fridge, Danette to share the post from the Yaxley Parish Council's Facebook page

Yaxley Gazette has shared a Hunts Recycles post

We're promoting the new web page and downloadables – feedback greatly received both on current content and additional content suggestions.

Leaflets (textiles, what's goes in which bin, food waste) for Yaxley giveaways – Heidi to send 100 of each to Helen Taylor

### **Connections**

Publications

January piece (general info piece) has been sent to Holme Parish News and Warboys Diary in addition to initial Suggestives.

Looking for content for an article to share in March, if anyone would like to put something together please circulate early March

Heather would possibly share a story of taking a reusable cup on days out. How they contain micro plastics etc... Speaking with local coffee shops to encourage people to bring their own cup.

Riverport Magazine, St Ives to be contacted.

## Talks

Talks to 2 Guide Groups from Yaxley has taken place

Another guides group scheduled for 23 February

If there are any other groups please pass on our details.

## **New Page on HDC Website**

Downloadable materials

Bin stickers

21 swaps for 21

Any other resources required, please let us know.

Online Eco Shop based in Brampton to be added to the zero waste initiatives page

Awaiting further details of the new St Ives shop to also be added.

## **Food waste survey**

We're looking at ways of increasing food waste in the organic bin. Understanding the barriers and constraints will guide a future trial of caddies and liners

Initial findings –

- 20 responses received to date. 18 are resident from Huntingdonshire. There were 2 respondents who were outside of the district
- 70% do compost food waste
- 35% said they put food in their general waste and/or their recycling bin
- 10% use compostable liners – but were they made aware that they shouldn't? We're happy to speak with any resident who is unsure, give further guidance or help give the reasonings behind this.
- 35% didn't use a liner at all
- 30% didn't respond to the question about liners – is this due to them using them but knowing they shouldn't?
- What would help you compost more – 35% said being able to use liners
- Concerns about attracting rats, no knowing about home compost

- 3 didn't know that food waste could go into the organic bin. You have helped to spread this knowledge. There are now 3 more that do know this.
- 2 people who live in Huntingdonshire but don't have the service. We can look into why and offer advice. Is this communal properties?

Jenny spoke to a number of people and offered advice based on their answers.

Survey requires further conversation with the respondent so that we can ensure we're providing the correct information.

More messages about why we should be composting the food waste, could encourage more people – WRAP have some good resources which we can use to help promote this.

What goes into the green bin downloadable to be circulated on socials on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>.

Danette to contact Alan regarding additional posts on home composting (Alan helped on this at the beginning of the first lockdown)

### **Further ideas**

Plastics is rubbish – Interesting Facebook Group

Ikygay – New St Ives refill Shop opening on Friday 12 February on White Hart Lane, St Ives.

Yaxley Junior School to make contact about further recycling provisions

Litter picking request – Heidi to send Helen the Litter Minimisation Officers details

Green News Page (Hunts Post), next page scheduled for first week of March. Can we send more to the Hunts Post

**AOB** – Danette to circulate the agenda prior to the meeting

**Sharing E-mails** - all happy to share these with group members

### **Next Meeting**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Microsoft Teams meeting

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