

Monday 13 June 2022 – Hunts Waste Busters

Attendees and Introduction

Danette O'Hara – Waste Minimisation Support Officer, HDC
Tom – Sawtry
Mick – St Ives
Lara – St Neots
Chris – Huntingdon
Hilary - Offord

Apologies

Jo – Warboys
Anna – St Neots
Marcus - Hemingford
Chloe – St Neots
Jenny – Holme
Helen – St Ives
Richard and Pia – St Ives
Joseph – Yaxley
Karen – Yaxley
Betty – Warboys
Helen - Clerk at Yaxley Parish Council
Hannah – Little Paxton
David – Yaxley
Jeff – St Ives
Heidi – Waste Minimisation Officer HDC

Thanks given to Hilary who offered to take the Minutes

Social Media

Ticking along as normal – target to reach over 4,000 Facebook followers (50 to go) by next staff Team Meeting (mid July). Please comment and share posts to help gain a wider audience.

Danette asked for any food waste tips and pictures.

Chris said sharing new ideas from all around the country is good.

Tom – school children from specific groups, ie ECO Clubs, should be encouraged to get more involved by producing their own work for sharing. Tom will be doing a talk soon to local school. Agreed not much interaction with schools but anyone who has contacts within the Group to let Tom, Danette or Heidi know.

Lara – Local Scouts would be a good contact as well.

Public Litter Bins – Danette continuing to keep posting every 4 days, overlapping with taking rubbish home, fly tipping etc. Waste Minimisation – to do as well on messaging. Danette to take forward.

Connections

Publications

Due in a couple of weeks – no topic chosen yet. Ideas needed. Discussion took place. Lara suggested supermarkets are starting to pay a bigger role – need to highlight them and others. Agreed Tom to write 500 words on Energy Saving and Recycling with Lara to assist. Thanks to both. If anyone has connections or ideas to feedback please.

Talks

Planned Talks -

- 4th July – Needingworth WI
- 5th July – Alconbury WI
- 4th October – Ellington WI
- 13th Feb 2023 – Hilton WI
- St Ivo – maybe after Easter

All being done by Heidi.

Online Talks

No interest shown for lunchtime. More dates to be scheduled in the coming weeks. Reusable Nappy talk – awaiting dates. Danette to chase scheduled speaker.

Events

Huntingdon Eco Fair 16th July.

Pidley-cum-Fenton Eco Day – 21st August.

Lara asked about the Town and Parish Council events (July) – Waste Min staff will be in attendance.

Chris informed the meeting St Ives Eco Day is 17 September. Waste Min staff attended last year, and we would be happy to again this year.

Terracycle and Bring Site spreadsheet

Danette informed the meeting that someone in St Ives has put together a Map showing where things can be taken for recycling etc. Danette has started the basics (shown on screen at the meeting) of one she is completing for whole district. Symbols and colour codes used. About half way through entering data from the current spreadsheet. Anybody wishing to add anything, please do. Lara suggested putting a date when reviewed. Let the individuals listed know that they are on the map and they can update it themselves as it will be an open source. Link is:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/2/edit?hl=en&hl=en&mid=1qMorzbCbOgLua7S2teLlzwXk5AW5Rml&ll=52.374422068004414%2C-0.18991465000000818&z=10>

Well rated by everyone at the meeting.

Food Waste Trial

Report was finalised today but not signed off. Waste Min staff are recommending to roll out a further 1,000 in each quarter going forward. Suggested for Yaxley, who have

4,000 residents and we have good relationship with parish council to help support. Additional budget required for the liners? Supply a set amount at first (2-3 a week) and then to be supplied at cost going forward to users. 300,000 bags for 6 months for the 4,000 properties in Yaxley. In surveys, liners were considered to make a difference and were favourable to encourage more followers and to keep them proactive. From surveys taken, behaviours in multiple ways were noted to food waste trials (reducing plastic / looking at all waste created).

Litter Minimisation

Hunts Litter Wobbles has been created on Facebook but not shared widely yet. Share litter picks/ideas etc beginning to grow.

Agreed to join Waste Minimisation and Litter Minimisations in Hunts Waste Busters. Good idea and no objections. Danette to share and widen.

Sustainable Business Community Pledge

Looking to make some changes. Audits being finalised for current members, but going forward, looking to make changes. Not many members – about 14 on the list – been going a year. Looking to expand the audit to include other sustainable measures; transport, energy etc.

Waste Min staff will be doing a Press Release in the next month or so – a relaunch as only in Huntingdon so far. Looking at next meeting for more information.

Tom suggested having a form of guidance. Also take to business fairs and seeing if any grants available to assist. Tom happy to assist with this project.

Any Other Business

Danette – food waste hubs – ticking on in the background. Danette to keep plugging away. If anybody has any contacts, please share.

Lara asked now that there are 3 team members – how will they be organised. Terri is the new team member, who has replaced Mina. This is an existing role and so roles will not be changing very much, but now she has settled in more it should enable Heidi a bit more time back to return to more strategic projects.

Next Meeting

We'll send around a Doodle Poll for the next meeting