

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Hunts Waste Busters

### **Attendees and Introduction**

Danette O’Hara – Waste Minimisation Support Officer, HDC

Chris – Huntingdon

Lara – St Neots

Joseph – Yaxley

Tom – Sawtry

David – Yaxley

Karen – Yaxley

Betty – Warboys – Environmental groups for 30+ years – Greener Futures, working with HDC especially when green team.

### **Apologies**

Heidi Field – Waste Minimisation Officer, HDC

Nic and Heather - St Ives

Jo Twiselton – Warboys

Helen - Clerk at Yaxley Parish Council

Anna – St Neots

Marcus - Hemingford

Chloe – St Neots

Jenny – Holme

Helen – St Ives

Richard and Pia – St Ives

### **Social Media**

Instagram – More stories needed. Just passed 700 followers

- Lara still trying to get someone to volunteer for videos for stories from residents who are taking part in the caddy trial
- Tom may have a contact in the area that could help and will make contact

Schedule of posts

- Focus on Textiles through October due to increase in kerbside rejections
- Xmas collection dates - 4 weeks of disruptions – please share these posts to spread the message
- EACH Xmas trees collections – when we post about this, please share these posts too. We will be posting about this from November.
- Pumpkins:
  - o Can go in green bin
  - o Recipes to promote using – Soups, cakes, bars – Please share any recipes.
- Advertise that we do talks again

**Action for all:** send in any posts you would like to write along with any images or start a conversation about one.

**Action for all:** Please keep liking, sharing and commenting.

**Hunts waste Buster take over posts** – please send any items/posts through

**Promotional recruitment video** - being worked on.

### Connections

#### **Publications**

Lara – The split of different waste in the different streams – planning for January

Future ideas –

- Business waste – employees are Hunts residents too. How businesses can change to reduce their waste
  - Reduce packaging
  - Removing desk bins
  - Taping up general waste bins for a set period of time – i.e. a zero waste week
- lifecycle of certain materials
- Tom – would be happy to do one on litter

Please send through any other ideas.

Tom will continue to gather further contacts for publications across the district. Any new publications to contact, please send details Tom's way.

#### **Talks**

Earith Primary School – 15<sup>th</sup> November

5<sup>th</sup> St Ives Cubs – 15<sup>th</sup> November (part of competition)

Loves Farm WI – 18<sup>th</sup> November

Cromwell Scouts – 6<sup>th</sup> December

Roundhouse Primary school, St Neots – have been approached about a possible talk about the food waste trial

Betty to send across contact for being added to list of WI speakers

Offer for outside talks in the spring if Covid situation does not improve.

#### **Events**

Live Facebook events to be tried via Huntingdonshire Recycles - TBC

Ramsey Eco Day – 28 October

**Action for all:** To share any new connections we should make for publication or talks.

### Competition

Cromwell Scouts have shown an interest in taking part in a competition. Cubs/scouts to undertake waste audits at home

Hinchingbrook Scouts have also been contacted

Project Starting in November

5<sup>th</sup> St Ives – talk on 15<sup>th</sup> November

### **Terracycle**

Spreadsheet now on a google drive for open access for Hunts Waste Busters to edit, and link for viewing for anyone.

This can also include soft plastic recycling at Supermarkets, and clothing banks, especially for rags as these are most popular.

These can be outside of Hunts if key places such as across the borders if closest for Hunts residents.

Pens – Rymans in Cambridge, but good to link with schools.

### **Cambridgeshire Recycling Workshop**

Fenland pulling together a number of workshops – Have an event on 15<sup>th</sup> October. Email has been circulated.

RECAP workshops – More details have been requested. These will be circulated once received.

### **Food Waste Trial**

Question: How are HDC weighing up the environmental costs of caddies

- Providing one plastic tub reducing food waste and reducing food waste being added to landfill for a long period of time. Helps with behaviour change, with cross over into other areas. And at end of life, they can be recycled.

### **Food waste survey**

650 responses. Negative feedback on social media. A lot of data, which we are going through, and then creating some infographics on different themes that have come out of it. These can be shared among the group for feedback before posting out.

### **Nappies**

We have a nappy discount incentive. On top of this we also have invested in 10 basic kits for loaning to those that would still struggle to invest in a kit. If anyone has any contacts, or know anyone that could make use of them.

Different groups to contact:

- Playgroups
- P3 charity – Lara to send details across
- Children centre – organised by CCC
- Food banks

Funding potentials from other community groups

Spring may be a better time to push this due to getting them dry in winter.

In addition, there is a RECAP project which is a bit slower, connecting with Think Communities and looking at different approaches, which would tie in with food bank groups. This will include different packs (quick drying).

### **New Recycling and Waste Guide**

To be shared. Feedback welcome please.

### **AOB**

Lara reported back from a HDC public meeting – Council leader – Waste Min prime example of success story for recycling rate. Could be used as a model for other areas, social media and community engagement.

Community litter pick this weekend in Yaxley – Saturday and Sunday. Hunts Recycles can share details

Repair café (Yaxley) to be relaunched in the new year – details to follow and Hunts recycles to share.

Natasha's Law – Allegions to be labelled on all products. There are no longer loose pastries and breads, either cease doing them or individual packaged. Hunts Recycles to look and share things on safe ways to still do loose and refill. Please share if you come across anything.

Are stats on litter being collected – This would be the Litter Minimisation Officers area. The email is [litterminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:litterminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk). Tom has been looking at a county wide strategy, if this is an area of interest, please contact Tom to see how you can help.

Titch is running Jumble sales once a month in Yaxley. Parish have given room for free, and clothes are free, up to 5 items, you can donate clothes there too. Details to be shared via Hunts Recycles

RECAP (Recycling for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough waste partnership) – We need to raise awareness of the partnership and will be looking at the branding for this.

Betty is ok to be included in public emails.

### **Next Meeting**

Circulate a Doodle poll for the next meeting so that we can pick a day which suits the majority

It will be held as a Microsoft Teams meeting