Monday 14 July 2022 -HuntsWasteBusters

Attendees and Introduction

Danette O'Hara – Waste Minimisation Support Officer, HDC Heidi – Waste Minimisation Officer HDC Tom – Sawtry Nic – St Ives Lara – St Neots Chris – Huntingdon David – Yaxley

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 Jeff – St Ives Hilary - Offord

Thanks given to Sophie who took the Minutes

Social Media

4,012 followers on Facebook-aiming for 7,800. giving food waste tips, sharing, good feedback when resident sends suggestion in.

Garden crews have ramped up rejections for compostable liners which has led to a number of comments/queries about compostable liners. We have increased the number of social media posts. Comments on local group pages, such as Godmanchester and Huntingdon but comments from other residents have answered may of the questions.

Nic asked whether supermarkets would provide notifications about not being accepted locally- they have already been approached, but there hasn't been much luck as they can be accepted via the home compost systems.

Looking into creating a TikTok profile for Huntingdonshire Recycles.

Any ideas for posts, please let us know?

Connections

Tom-suggested taking photos of events, highlighting the work that is taking place

Publications.

Only a handful of publication contacts let us know they are including articles, so if you see one of ours, please share.

Needingworth will be including the recent article within their September edition. Tom will pull together an article on Sustainable Communities Business Pledge scheme.

Talks

Recent WI talks have gone well. Food waste and liners seem to be the main queries raised.

Planned talks – 4th October – Ellington WI

Online Talks

Scheduled for 25th July @ 10.30, Nappy talk 27th July @ 7pm will be joined by Jo from nappy library, discount scheme also covers other products such as wipes and period products.

Events

16th July - Huntingdon Eco Fair, 21st August – Pidley Eco Fair 17th September – St Ives Eco Action Day

Litter Minimisation

Ideas needed on what the group wants from us on Litter Min Litter Wobbles Facebook group has been agreed Further promotion around community litter picks will be taking place and will be promoted at the Parish Forum next week

Sustainable Business Community Pledge

Gathering feedback on some additional to the audit of the scheme Once feedback has been received, the scheme will be extending to all businesses in Huntingdonshire

Any Other Business

Nic – Questioned how VegWare could be dealt with? Advised to speak with company buying from initially.

There are a few companies who you can hire party plates etc... from rather than having the disposable items

Lara- Medicine packet scheme has been stop through Teracycle, however, Superdrugs and some other Pharmacies are still accepting these. Will need to keep an eye on how long the scheme can continue :(

Next Meeting

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