

Thursday 10th June 2021 – Hunts Waste Busters

Attendees and Introduction

Danette O’Hara – Waste Minimisation Support Officer, HDC

Heidi Field – Waste Minimisation Officer, HDC

Nic and Heather - St Ives

Jenny – Holme

Tom – Sawtry

Chris – Huntingdon

Helen – St Ives

David – Yaxley

Joseph - Yaxley

Karen – Yaxley

Apologies

Helen - Clerk at Yaxley Parish Council

Chloe – St Neots

Lara – St Neots

Anna – St Neots

Richard and Pia

Social Media

Instagram – Joseph pulls together the stories. Good response being receive from the posts, people asking some good questions.

Would be good to increase the number of followers. HuntingDownLitter page has some good ideas which may be used/shared via our page as a story. Also to share other local community group posts, to increase their reach as well as our own.

Polls tend to have a higher reach, so increase the number of these that we do.

Using real life examples for posts, making them more personal do tend to be better received

Hunts Waste Busters series ‘Take Over’ – a couple received from members

Open this up to the public to make suggestions, them to share their tips and ideas

Promotional/Recruitment Video – Joseph still working on this. Good to share any other video

Huntingdon Eco Fair promotion

Please feel free to share resources from other groups on Hunts Waste Busters Facebook page, this page is for your use, to share ideas and keep conversations flowing.

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.

Connections

Publications – Picnicking article was circulated to 6 publications. We are aware that this was included within the Spark Magazine

Next article is due July – any ideas please let us know

i.e – Marine Plastic expert. Moc Macdonald. Purchased two canoes which enables him to collect waste from the river. Citizen science projects.

Surfers against sewage attending St Ives Eco Action Group

St Ives, Riverporter and The Bridge (Autumn)

Sawtry Eye

Tom will look into local publications

Talks

Take place - St Ives Eco Action group meeting took place at the end of May.

Pipeline - A couple of schools in St Neots have shown an interest

Events

- Huntingdon Eco Fair – 17th July
- Heritage Open Day, St Ives – 18th September ‘Past, Present, and Future’
Hosted at the Methodist church.

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

New Page on HDC Website – Waste Minimisation (<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/waste-minimisation>)

The guides have been drafted:

- Library of things
- Little Community Library - created by Karen
- Setting up a Repair Café
- Go Zero Waste
- Reduce Reuse Recycle

To be drafted:

- Yard Give Aways

Competition

Danette has been in contact with a number of groups, but no response as yet

If you're aware of any groups, please let us know

Terracycle

Spreadsheet has been populated with sites throughout the district.

To be promoted via local groups

Photos of collection points may be of benefit to assist people in finding these sites. Jenny to ensure site owners are happy with this

Can we also get the tonnages collected.

Play it again sport – take back scheme which is soon to be set up

McDonald's, St Ives – links with sports clubs

Any New Ideas

Working with enforcement team and litter minimisation to reduce litter

McDonald's will support campaigns.

Campaign with local takeaways to reduce/eliminate their polystyrene package.

HDC 'Sustainable Communities for local business' – update requested

AOB

Litter picking

- Sacks are now available from St Ives town hall for people to conduct litterpicks
- Huntingdon Canoe Club and St Ives Against Rubbish have been interview my local news

There is a St Ives Action Group meeting on Wednesday 19th June 7pm – Speaker from Surfers against Sewage. Contact Helen (St Ives) if you would like to attend.

Question raised: Can waste busters be expanded to into smaller groups so that there becomes a St Ives groups for example? Consensus was that we would want to establish the Hunts wide group first and would encourage anyone who has an interest to join this group. They can discuss local points on the Hunts group with other locals responding as well as Hunts wide maybe able to help too.

Next Meeting

Thursday 8 July at 7pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Microsoft Teams meeting

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