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## Greenprint Forum Steering Group Meeting Notes

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Location: Blyth Meeting Room, East Suffolk House, Riduna Park, Station Road, Melton, Woodbridge IP12 1RT

Date: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018

Time: 2pm – 3pm

Invited: Andrew Cassy, Betsy Reid, Cathy Smith, Councillor Carol Poulter, Deborah Wargate, Councillor Graham Catchpole, Guy Ackers, Jane Healey, Luke Bennett, Peter Ross, Phil Gore, Councillor Susan Harvey

Apologies: **Guy Ackers**

**Councillor Graham Catchpole** – the late date change means it was impossible to accommodate. I have apologized and asserted that our next meetings will go ahead on the given dates as long as we are quorate.

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### Purpose of the meeting

To find out progress to date on 2018 the Year of Plastic Action, planned events and learning from webinars held to date and understand what each Steering Group Member has already done – plans to do in terms of action themselves and influencing others. - **Met**

To finalise content of March ESP Board meeting – chance to comment will be provided via email.

### Key notes

1. Apologies and introductions – No additional notes
2. Update on vision and infographic and launch of these – Members thanked Deborah Wargate for facilitating this. A series of soft launches are underway – this includes webinars.

**DW** to get website added to bottom of leaflet (and update website) and circulate

**CS** to get 10 A3 posters printed for display at events and key locations

**DW** to send article to Cathy Smith for Newsletter

**DW** to include in newsletter

**DW** to go on Mark Murphy show and mention

**DW** to run two further live webinars on this with more publicity and to circulate invitation to webinar to Steering Group members.

3. Update on Year of Plastic Action and round table 'what I am doing/plan to do myself/in my organization/in my community – who can I influence? How will I? What will I need?'

Everyone is taking action in their personal lives and advocating action. Actions steering group members are undertaking:

- switched from disposable cups to reusable ones,
- switched from disposable razors to electric one,
- making own dishwasher tablets and shampoo,
- buying solid shampoos,
- saying no to straws,
- using 'Who Gives a Crap' toilet paper (which comes in paper in bulk in a box rather than in plastic bags),
- making reusable bags out of old school uniforms,
- writing to companies they use to encourage them to cut plastic,
- using tea leaves with an infuser rather than bags,
- switching to bamboo socks,
- using a soda stream rather than buying fizzy drinks,
- writing to washing machine companies to encourage them to develop and implement filters that take out micro-plastics,
- researched IPAD cover to find a durable alternative to the plastic with leather cover that many are and have replaced it.
- picking litter while out walking.
- The AONB has also adopted 2018 as their year of #plasticaction and are developing plans around tree guard collection and helping retailers reduce use as well as continuing to support the Marine Conservation Society Beach Cleans – with the recognition that an app that simplifies recording for people is needed. **DW** to circulate [Litterati App](#) and contact them to see if they respond to questions on how to use and whether they are willing to work with existing campaigns. **CS** to organize meeting between **DW** and AONB to identify mutual working opportunities.

There are some areas that need further research – e.g. teabags to be clear on best approach (Fairtrade, Plastic bags etc.)

**BR** to check Ethical Consumer to see if there is recent coverage of this

Plastics – what happens to the different types that go to Great Blakenham – e.g. black plastic **DW** has already asked the SWP and they are working on updating information and will share when it has been finalized.

**DW** to continue researching plastic free samples and to feed back on those obtained to date. – Note Transition Woodbridge and a group in Boyton are active in this field as well **AC** and **JH** will be the links.

4. ESP Board Meeting Content

**DW** to circulate proposed agenda for information.

5. Any other issues Steering Group members need to be aware of relevant to any of our objectives.

[DEFRA 25 Year Plan](#) has now been adopted.

The revised [AONB Management Plan](#) will be consulted on in Feb.

6. Review of action notes from last meeting to check any outstanding items and if they need to be carried forward. – None outstanding

7. Next meeting dates

Wednesday 16 May 10 - 12

Wednesday 19 Sept 10 - 12