

EAST LINTON MELTING POT

MEET UP 19/02/19

UPDATES

East Linton Primary School

- The children have sent out an eco/sustainability survey to the whole school this week
- The plastic bottle initiative is starting Friday 22nd Feb
- P1 are designing posters for the village
- P1 are planning a sustainability mini fair – money raised will fund their bus fare to explore more outside spaces from a sustainability point of view

Toy Swap

Relatively low attendance but those who came chose toys they wanted to take home. Some remaining toys are being kept to be used for future toy library. Others to local library, playgroup, baby and toddlers.

- Explore holding at a different time of year e.g. November (in run up to Christmas)
- In messaging encourage people how they could use the toy swap e.g. to buy presents for birthdays/Christmas/parties
- More children came with adults than expected – perhaps promote future toy swaps to children as well as adults
- See if can get a quote and a photo from someone attending

Toy Library

Karen is currently exploring different possibilities for where to keep the toys; and is planning to meet existing toy libraries to learn best practice. She would like to set up a small sub-group of people to help organise the toy library – if anyone is interested in being part of this, please get in touch.

NEW FORMAT FOR MEET UPS: MEET YOUR COMMUNITY

New proposed format for the monthly meet ups : a different theme per month, different people from the area to speak for up to 10 minutes on any action they've taken on the theme, tips etc (non experts and experts alike), Q+A session, group discussions.

Proposed themes for up coming months:

- Reducing Waste (e.g. Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Regift, Recover, Recycle) to tie in with Pass it On week in March
- Plants and trees in the garden

- Clothing
- Energy
- Wildlife
- Circular economy
- Children and nature
- Local food

Please let us know if you, or anyone you know, might be interested in speaking for a few minutes on any of the above themes (sharing any tips, any experiences you've had etc)

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

It was agreed to consult at an early stage to gather people's needs, ideas and vision for East Linton on climate change and how the E.L Melting Pot could help (see earlier document on community consultation which was circulated). We can consult through questionnaires, being present at key events, having listening posts/drop in sessions, having graffiti walls in community spaces for people to write their ideas down. First event is the school's parent consultation evening in March.

Make sure older as well as young people involved eg involve the day centre, events in the library etc.

4 key questions need to be carefully prepared. Will explore the Scottish Communities Climate Action Network and any other successful sustainable towns to learn any best practice for the consultation.

FACT SHEETS

Over the last months there have been different suggestions for developing fact sheets that could be shared between us and amongst the community to build our knowledge and help us take action e.g:

- Did you Know factsheet on any recent developments locally which support sustainable living
- Pass It On – list of organisations in East Lothian where items can be passed on for re-use (try to get a draft by Pass it On week in March if possible)
- Local retailers which offer bulk/refill products and which they offer
- List of vegan/vegetarian recipes

It was suggested that local older children (eg 16/17 year olds) could help do research for the fact sheets and prepare flyers which are visually appealing. This will be explored further and see if Dunbar Grammar School would like to be involved / whether children could do this as part of school projects or Duke of Edinburgh. Explore whether Sustaining Dunbar might like to be part of this.

Any other ideas for useful factsheets welcome.

To reduce liability (e.g having factsheets which accidentally exclude a local organisation) word carefully e.g. 'we are a new initiative which is gathering information to help us all take action, please get in touch if we have missed anything out'

ACTIONS

- Ask Alastair who runs East Linton website whether there's any possibility of the page being interactive.
- Make contact with Men in the Shed to see if they want to get involved in any of the initiatives / meet your community events
- Get speakers for first Meet Your Community event (reducing waste) in March and agree date
- Explore best practice and useful questions for community consultation with SCAN and successful sustainable towns. If unsuccessful Karen to ask for support from a contact in how to pose the questions.
- Check upcoming events for East Linton where we could try to attend for community consultation.
- Develop and agree 4 key questions for community consultation ready for March School Parent's Consultation evening
- Make contact with Dunbar Grammar School and Sustaining Dunbar to explore local children developing different factsheets.