

# STEERING GROUP MEETING

## WAYS FORWARD

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### Present

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### 1. Community Consultation

#### Possible purpose

- To encourage involvement and buy in from the community
- Create a vision for East Linton
- Identify challenges, existing support/resources available and where the gaps are: what role could the E.L Melting Pot take
- Generate ideas and identify most popular ideas

#### Possible questions that could be asked

- What would you like to see happening in East Linton? / How would you like East Linton to be?
- What is important to you?
- What would help you do more?
- What are the challenges in East Linton with regards to sustainability?
  - o What is happening already through other organisations/businesses/groups?
  - o What isn't being addressed?
  - o How could the East Linton Melting Pot help the area become more sustainable/low carbon/low waste?
- How could we best involve people?
- Do you have or know of anyone with any skills, knowledge, ideas, interests that could help the E.L Melting Pot?

#### How to do the consultation *how can we make it engaging?*

- Through questionnaires, survey monkey, people writing answers and taking photographs of themselves
- Something quirky? E.g. graffiti boards in different locations, a 'wishing tree', writing answers on waste materials and creating sculptures, other ideas??

#### Through what channels?

- Make use of existing community events where we can also be present e.g. school parent consultation evening in March, East Linton Community Fair in August, Meet Your Community events
- Have questionnaires/graffiti boards in different locations such as the Mart, Community hall, cafes, doctors surgery, local businesses
- Ask different societies and groups to circulate questionnaires / find their own way of answering the questions and feed back to us
- Questionnaires and links to survey monkey in ELDA

### **Feedback event**

Conclude with a feedback event. See if we could get funding to have key messages/conclusions illustrated on some vision boards (that could be put up around East Linton in the future)

Have some speakers, presentation of conclusions from consultation, let people know who is involved, conversation pots/speed dating

### **Timeframe**

Give ourselves enough time to do it properly, conclude with feedback event in the autumn?

## **2. Suggested format for future meet ups: MEET YOUR COMMUNITY**

**Local speakers from the community** Have different people come to speak and share (for 10 mins) about something they are passionate about / gone the extra mile / where they want to share their journey e.g. someone who has reduced their meat, someone who has reduced their car mileage... - can include local businesses, someone that has just recently made a small change in their lifestyle, someone with ideas to share. Small steps to be recognised as important.

Focus on a different topic per month e.g. food, clothes, cars, transport, waste, plastic – pick a topic at the end of each meet up for the next one.

**Discussions** Follow up discussions based on topic, using prompt cards with questions. Could be done in style of speed dating or small group chats.

Have someone to compare and / record outcomes of discussions. Can also be used as part of the consultation process.

### **Follow up**

Outcomes of discussions could be shared on line / through email channels etc. e.g. if chatting about food, any recipes could be shared.

### **How to describe the events**

Make clear no judgement. 'Meet Your Community is open to anyone, to help each other explore and muddle our way through being more considerate to the planet, whether through big or small changes.'

### **Where host them**

Alternate, eg. the Mart, Bostocks, Crown and Kitchen, the Linton, Bowling club

### **3. Pass it On week in March**

It was decided there isn't enough time to organise anything too big (e.g. Fix it Event- which whilst receiving lots of positive feedback needs proper organisation to identify enough fixers, to research how other groups do it etc – do a Fix it Event later on in the year). We also had reservations about not having any public liability insurance at this stage (not being a formal group).

One idea which is easy to do within the short time frame was to prepare **a small signposting leaflet** which is posted out through the ELDA / other channels to promote existing organisations where you can pass your unwanted clutter on to, for e.g. Sure Start, Olio app, Zero Waste Dunbar.... (see if can get input on this from Jennifer Lothian and LiL). If anyone knows of any other groups/organisations/apps where unwanted stuff can be passed on to, please let us know so we can add it to the leaflet.

### **4. How formal should we be?**

As we are an unregistered, non formal group this limits us to what type of events and activities we can do at this stage (we have no public liability insurance, nor can we apply for funding).

It was decided to remain informal at this stage and review at the end of the Community Consultation, once we have a better idea of what the community would like the Melting Pot to do. We could see if we could use existing groups/societies/businesses in the meantime to run events together.

After the consultation we can consider if we take steps to become a more formal group.

We definitely could do with a few more people being part of a steering group to discuss ideas, take on a few tasks. If anyone would be willing to be part of this, even to help for a few things, let us know.