

## NOTES FOR **Basingstoke Area Sustainability** MEETING 5/11/20

### Attendees:

Linda Wain, Barbara Bedford - Oakley  
Alison Zarecky, Paula Baker, Sarah Warris-Simmons - Overton.  
Tony Flahive - Tadley  
Ian James, Keith Oborn - Bramley  
Gill Hill - Herriard  
Alan Cox - Ashmansworth  
Richard Carrow - Burghclere  
Maria Massarella, Lucy Martins, Sam Taylor - BDBC

Maria Massarella, Performance and Development Manager, Waste Client Team.

Lately their work has been focussing on getting the new contract working well. Going forward they are looking to improve infrastructure for flats and those with communal bins.

A new leaflet will be coming out soon for households which will include collection dates, collection sites and information on what can and cannot be recycled.

Hampshire County Council are running a project on waste streams, a number of consultations are going out.

For plastic recycling it is becoming harder to find a sustainable stream for disposal.

Paula Baker commented that the latest government waste strategy suggests that all areas have food waste collections by 2023.

MM pointed out that without fortnightly collections BDBC is not set up for food waste and it would take longer than 2023 to set up disposal sites.

Barbara Bedford ask if they could have more bins in the Oakley bring site as the bins get very full and overflowing.

MM suggested that it is best to recycle everything from home as bring sites only offer what you can already recycle from kerbside. Trade often use the bring sites which fills up the bins - they shouldn't be doing this. The textile recycling price recently dropped so we may see less of this waste stream going forward.

Agreed that there are not enough waste recovery sites across the borough  
The question was raised about reminding people about what they should recycle.

MM - reminders were issued last year and a piece is always in Basingstoke & Deane Today magazine. Unfortunately some people don't take in the information provided.

Gill Hill - how much household waste is incinerated and how much goes to landfill?

MM - all general waste goes to incinerator apart from items like tvs and electrical equipment.

Alison Zarecky asked about data reporting. Parishes are in a good position to raise awareness and spread the word. Can BDBC provide data for small areas? MM - it is not possible to get this data. Waste collection rounds do not function in a way that would make this possible.

### Community Updates

Herriard - Greening Campaign They have almost completed Phase 1 which aims to encourage residents to start making small changes and the campaign lets the households choose challenges which are then collated and Herriard branded cards are put in their windows. From the list of challenges, households choose which challenges to take. The Greening Campaign will calculate emissions saved. Next phase linked to environment and nature. <http://www.greening-campaign.org/>

Overton - Their Community Energy project bid has been submitted. The BEAD recycling scheme has stopped for lockdown but will start again later and is a good scheme <https://www.sustainableoverton.org.uk/bead-recycling-centre>

Overton is working towards plastic free village status with SAS.org. <https://www.sas.org.uk/plastic-free-communities/>

Oakley - the Cof E are challenging Churches to be net zero by 2030 and as part of that Linda will be pushing to reduce the church's carbon footprint. She hopes that they will be able to extend this into the community who can participate with their own homes. She attended an online conference managed by A Rocha UK on ECO Church on 10 October, where they were shown a questionnaire tool to calculate the carbon footprint.

Instead of just a Green Week, the church is planning a Green Year with community members within the support team.

AOB - The group would like to continue with meetings every four weeks and liked having a specific topic as a focus for the meeting.

ACTION - Everyone think about what they would like the focus of the next meeting to be.