

PLASTIC FREE BRIXTON SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

WELCOME TO THE APRIL NEWS BULLETIN FROM BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL



Brixton Parish Council News Bulletin

Welcome to the April news bulletin from Brixton Parish Council (BPC). This bulletin will focus on the event that BPC will be hosting on **Thursday 18th April 2019**.

'How to make our Community Plastic Free'

This will include a screening (with popcorn) at **2.30pm and 3.30pm** of 'The Smog of the Sea,' a documentary from filmmaker Ian Cheney, chronicling a research expedition through the Sargasso Sea.

There will be a selection of stalls demonstrating ways to help us to achieve this worthwhile goal. Come and learn more about what we can all do to prevent plastic waste from ending up in our marine environment. Join us in the Community Room from 2pm until 4pm for an informative and possibly lifechanging afternoon!

At the end of 2018 BPC committed to the following principles to reduce waste – Avoid / Reduce / Reuse / Recycle and all Councillors signed a plastic pledge. Here are some of the things what they have been doing:

ClIr Hitchins I have changed my milk order. I used to have a plastic 2 pint container for the weekend and now I have changed that to 2 glass bottles. This has reduced one of my uses of single plastic and made me feel I was making a small personal positive contribution to the reduction of single use plastic.

ClIr Wills No longer accept plastic bags in retail outlets and use our own non plastic carrier bags. We avoid plastic toys and go for toys made of wood or other materials. When purchasing plants we try to find plants or seedlings of 'plug' type packaging, not in plastic trays or pots.

ClIr Huxtable I do not use plastic straws and also encourage my seven grandchildren not to use them, I also try and use my own cup when I can and use my own shopping bag or paper bags instead of plastic

ClIr Calvert Single use water bottle and refuse to buy any drink in plastic. I have seen the impact in the many countries I travel in and know that the parish could easily reduce by 60% in 12 months.

ClIr Wakeham For some time we have refused plastic straws and since the pledge actually encouraged those outlets who do offer them to change to paper. We prefer not to use straws at all, even paper, reducing the demand on deforestation and loss of wildlife habitat.

ClIr Du Pont I have for many years used my own shopping bags and not bought new plastic bags when shopping. I always sort my paper and cardboard into a separate sack and my plastic bottles and tins separately. I take my glass bottles and jars to the appropriate bins.



ClIr Joe Parish

**Councillor Brixton Parish Council
Community Plastic Free Leader**

We're now having our milk delivered in glass bottles. We're now also using bars of soap in the bathroom, which come wrapped in paper rather than plastic dispenser bottles. We also only allow the girls to have straws for drinks if they are paper ones & we ask for a glass rather than the single use plastic beakers!

Any businesses operating in the Parish please support our target to become plastic free and get in touch for a **FREE toolkit**.

We hope you found this bulletin interesting and it has encouraged you to attend our event on **Thursday 18th April** where you can see all Councillor pledges in full.

Forthcoming events:
BPC Meetings:
Annual Meeting Wed 24th April 2019 at 7pm

The next 'News Bulletin' will be published July 2019 with a full newsletter in May 2019.

COMING SOON – District Councillor and Parish Councillor elections in May 2019.
Further information can be found on South Hams District Council Website



