

Sustainability Insights Group Friday 25th February 2022 at 10:00 am via MS Teams MINUTES

Attendees:	Mandy Johnston	TUCO
	Paula Martindale	Chester
	David Morton	Winchester
	Matt Tebbit	Reading
	Judith Hoyle	TUCO (Secretary)
Apologies:	Jake Causley	FX Plus
	Mike Haslin	TUCO
	Sarah McLoughlin	TUCO
	Ian White	Chester

Dave explained that Winchester were using organic beef but have now done away with it entirely against the advice of bodies such as PETA. Cambridge also did this but it was the central university and the colleges did not follow suit.

The farm used by Reading is 2 miles away from the university and the cattle are sent to the local abattoir.

For his webinar, Dave will be talking about the package-free shop. Winchester are also working with a local farm who are producing organic oat milk. They are also using a local bakery with sourdough and purchasing local free range eggs as they are very keen to support local businesses. Chester's video will show the greenhouses and the flower and vegetable beds. They now have a hive for their bees but have not had any honey produced yet.

It was agreed to limit this to members and not include suppliers.

Dave asked when do we plan to start doing this, we will ask Mike when the help from TUCO is available.

Paula suggested a breakout session at Conference on Menus of Change.

Matt commented that Reading are using a lot of local suppliers – their alcohol spend with local companies equals that of spend via TUCO. They are using 16 local brewers.

Mandy mentioned the NPD system where we are trying to persuade local suppliers to get their products listed with companies such as Bidfood. She also asked about the possibility of setting up some sort of marketplace through InTend.

Reading are working on B-Corp with companies who are investing back into the community and into staff wellbeing.

This is an easy to do accreditation where you are given an Action Plan.

Paula commented that we need a timeline for this but it really depends when resources from TUCO are available. Mandy asked what resources are required from TUCO. It was agreed that this would probably come from Sarah for the video editing and Anj for the website and publicizing the project.

Action Points

- Judith to ask Mike about the TUCO resource
- Judith to target certain members – Harper Adams (David Nuttall), Bristol (Caroline Wynn), Sheffield (Peter Anstess - milk churns) and St Andrews (Steven McKay – recycling/deposit returns)