



Discussion results for 18-Dec-2022 Climate Cafe -- Climate Change & Stuff (waste)

Speakers Take-Aways

- Michelle -- Only one type of plastic is recycled (#2), the rest is landfilled or burned (ugh) ... local success stories: GIRO, ReLove Local, C2C (Cradle to Cradle)
- Robbie: Let's all learn how to repair what we have. Take things apart to see how they work. Plastic items are the hardest to repair.

Table 1

Replace food plastic containers with glass

Support refillery outlets

Lobby prov & fed gov'ts to legislate for top-quality recyclable plastics (currently only HDPE #2)

Support food outlets that do not use disposable containers

Buy food that's not packaged in plastic

Can our legislative leaders be real leaders in waste reduction and packaging regulations?

Table 2

Make [wasteful] convenience unpopular [uncool, via peer pressure]

All change starts with art!!

Messaging from influencers

Add a [monetary] cost to consumerism

Supply *small* plastic bags for small quantities of bulk food ... or reusable cloth bags (e.g. ReLove Local)

Use standard re-use bags (paper or ziplock) [to address the taring problem]

Use a swap system [for bulk food containers] to guarantee cleanliness

Improve product quality for longer product lifetime [no single-use or built-in obsolescence]

Make quality cool again (artists work for culture change)

TOTAL CULTURE CHANGE!

Make it part of the school curriculum

Put a value on recyclables so they will be returned [eco-fees on everything]

Buy your pot (and everything else) locally, not through the mail [to save on packaging]
Science: make better plastics -- truly recyclable or compostable
Sharing: encourage more of it
Protest! Throw your single-use plastics all over Village parking lot, to raise awareness.

Table 3 (Fay, Charlotte, Carol)

We need to shift to more local, and then we can influence the packaging
Look after our own compost on-site ... use it on our land
Create community compost, by neighbourhood or on the Commons
Environmental regulations for packaging of salads, etc.
Refillery
Cloth bags [for food purchase] (e.g. those bought at GIRO fashion show or from ReLove Local)
Putting out [suitable] wood waste from construction sites, for kindling [and re-use]

Table 4 (Xanon, Tom, Mary, Robbie, Frank)

Encourage Maker culture
Housing ideas: tiny-home land designation [smaller houses = less material used, less waste, less stuff inside them]
Networking: cross-generational open-mindedness [younger generations seem to be less focussed on stuff]
Lobby governments for regulations
Capitalism control [keep its bad aspects and influences under control]

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