
NEWSLETTER

Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community



Last month, I took the opportunity to tell you about all our amazing Ambassadors (scroll down the page to view them) - individuals, businesses or groups that don't serve / use / sell food products, but want to show their support to the campaign to make Dorset the world's first sustainable palm oil county.



MONTHLY UPDATE

Following last months newsletter, I am delighted to announce we have some new Ambassadors who are promoting and supporting the campaign to make Dorset the world's first sustainable palm oil county.

- Councillor Maria Roe of Colehill and Wimborne East ward
- The Chatterboxes (hello everyone!) – a youth action project run by young people with disabilities aged 11-25 years old from Bournemouth, Poole and other parts of Dorset, which is affiliated to YMCA Bournemouth
- Planet Wimborne officially became an Ambassador
- Kevin Brooks of BrooksKebbey, a bid writer who assists in grant funding opportunities and supports social impact and social entrepreneurship, signed up as an Ambassador to promote the campaign not only in Wareham but within the whole of Dorset.

We are looking forward to working with all of our Ambassadors and our unofficial supporters over the coming months!



MONTHLY UPDATE

What else happened in February for the Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community campaign

Dorset CAN once again showed their support to the campaign by posting about the campaign within their February newsletter – thank you!

We had lots of other meetings, including a Zoom meeting and two face to faces with The Chatterboxes (our new Ambassadors). It was great to speak to them about the campaign, and we are hoping to collaborate in the future regarding raising awareness of sustainable palm oil. Watch this space!



We presented the campaign at the Zero Carbon Dorset event on 21st February. This virtual event presented the Dorset 2030 report (check it out here on their website) – a vision of what our county could look like if we dream AND act. As it highlighted more than 120 case studies of positive steps already taking place by councils, businesses, schools, universities, colleges, and most importantly community groups across the county to reduce our carbon emissions including the Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community project, we were delighted to be chosen as just one of the four case studies presenting their projects.

Thank you also to the Environment Committee of Arts University Bournemouth (one of our current pledged champions) for inviting us to your committee meeting. We enjoyed talking to you and look forward to collaborating with you all!

MONTHLY UPDATE

A big welcome to Longs Fish & Chips in Bridport, one of two February pledged champions! They have signed up to the Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community and over the next few weeks, they will start to look at their supply chain to see whether any of the products they use contain palm oil. Thank you Longs for pledging to only using sustainable palm oil!

Our other February champion is the Dorset Christian Fellowship, a member of the Evangelical Alliance of the UK and a Member Church of Churches Together in Dorchester. We are delighted that they have joined the campaign.



Efeca is planning a series of free informative webinars over the next few months and you are all invited! The first one will be on 15th March (10 – 11am UK time) and will be on Vegetable oils in a changing world: the role of sustainable palm oil in fighting the climate emergency.

Why is sustainable palm oil important? How can it help to combat global warming? Why do we all have a responsibility to act throughout the supply chain? [This webinar](#) will attempt to tackle these questions and explore the surrounding issues, including the need for balanced communication about sustainable palm oil, the consequences that must be considered if we are to use alternatives to palm oil, and the role that we all have to play.



NUMBER OF THE MONTH

Number of the month: 35. Compared to conventional (unsustainable palm oil), sustainable palm oil production emits 35% less greenhouse gas emissions, and as food production contributes around 37% of global GHG emissions (with over 70% of that being linked to land use change and agricultural production), it is easy to see the huge impact our diets could have on climate change. If you are interested to find out more about carbon emissions and palm oil, why not read our briefing note on that very subject – [click here for the link to it on our website](#).

If you have any questions about joining our campaign and [becoming a Champion](#) or an Ambassador, please email me.

