
NEWSLETTER

Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community



Since I last wrote an update in February, the weather has changed a little and April is almost over. The green near my house has been awash with daffodils and birds in and around my garden have been nesting and chattering away. Earth Day was on Saturday - the Efeca team celebrated it by doing a beach clean in Bournemouth. We collected 5.5kg of cigarette butts, tiny bits of plastic, rope ends and more on what at first glance looked like a pristine beach. Now whilst this doesn't sound a lot, it is more than if we hadn't had done a beach clean at all. Likewise, if one business refuses conventional palm oil, so what, but if all of the businesses and organisations in Dorset stand up and demand sustainable palm oil, then that will have a ripple effect, not only within our county, but wider afield too.

So if your business wants to do good for Earth Day, come and join the Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community - [click here](https://www.efeca.com/) to sign up.



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MONTHLY UPDATE

We had our **6th business** in the Bridport area pledge to be a DSPOC champion. I am delighted to welcome **Soulshine**, a restaurant and café producing locally sourced food and run by friends and former River Cottage colleagues Joel and Andy. They work with over 27 local suppliers so will hopefully be spreading the word about DSPOC to all of them and beyond. Welcome Joel, Andy and your team.

One of our Ambassadors, **A to B**, an alternative transport magazine based in Dorchester but with a global readership, has offered to share the story about DSPOC in their magazine and see if we can encourage more other sustainable palm oil communities to start. I will also mention in the article why it is important not to boycott palm oil but to demand certified sustainable palm oil. Whilst they do not sell or serve food, they want to promote and support the initiative - thank you so much David, Jane, and co.

I had the most amazing time at the **Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Annual Awards** in London in March representing the Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community and Efeca. The Awards recognised those involved schools who have been helping people, animals and the environment - the students were inspirational showcasing what they had done over the last year. I particularly enjoyed the Trashion show but the highlight for me was listening to Dr Jane Goodall's speech about Roots & Shoots and how she still has **hope for the future**.



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Each year, the **Southern Sustainability Partnership** (organiser of the Big Sustainability Awards that some of you might remember we went to last year) support a chosen charity or cause with a free stand at the Big Sustainability Expo. I am so excited to announce that after being a finalist last year, and after seeing me present about DSPOC at the **Green House Hotel** in January at **ECOLlective**, they have chosen **DSPOC and Efeca as their Charity / Cause of the Year** for this year's conference in October! We are so grateful for this, and thank Lynda and Anita for all their support.



Last month, **Chester Zoo, Orangutan Land Trust** and **Ferrero** were at the **Houses of Parliament** for a **Parliamentary drop in on Sustainable Palm Oil**. Over 70 MPs and special advisors dropped in throughout the afternoon and learnt about the benefits of SPO and why it is so important. Whilst we were invited to attend to talk about the work of an SPO Community, unfortunately we were not able to, but Chester Zoo who lead on the Sustainable Palm Oil Communities were there to represent all of the 9 communities. If any of the Dorset MPs who read this newsletter want to know about DSPOC, please contact me and I would be delighted to tell you more.

Lastly, we would like to say a fond farewell to **Faye Sherlock** from Chester Zoo. She has been instrumental in growing the network of SPO communities and will be sorely missed by us all. Good luck Faye and all the best in your new venture in Shetland!

NUMBER OF THE MONTH

Number of the month: 72%. Efeca has been the Secretariat for the UK Roundtable on Sourcing Sustainable Palm Oil since 2012. This brings together industry across the whole supply chain to discuss how to move en masse to sustainable supply chains of palm oil. We have written a report marking progress each year which show that since 2010, the proportion of UK imports of palm and palm kernel oil that can be reported as certified sustainable has increased from 16% to 72% in 2021, with the vast majority of remaining imports likely to be sourced through a form of assurance, such as an NDPE (No Deforestation, No Peatland, No Exploitation) policy. However, as a small user of around 0.5% of the global palm oil volume, we acknowledge that our greatest impact is to be around the table in global discussions, encouraging and aligning efforts globally across supply chains to help raise the base standard of production. Look out for an update from us over the coming months on the progress made by the UK in 2022 as we are planning on writing a mini progress report to update on this headline figure.

