OSEAN Meeting Minutes

May 28th, 2019

Present: Dave Wilson, Aiya Auzina, Erin Madon

Solidifying our meeting structure:

We are floating the idea of changing how and when we meet. Because everyone is so busy, we are suggesting we have an email check-in monthly where we keep each other abreast of our happenings and future projects/ideas. We can include useful info, things we’d like to put online, upcoming important dates, as well as success stories.

We would still like to host quarterly meetings (more if there is a special event/project we’d like to sign onto). Our first proposed email check-ins would be: June 25 and July 25, followed by a meeting to discuss election actions August 27th at 7pm in Erin’s backyard.

Solidifying our mandate:

We’ve decided to concentrate our group efforts on political actions, an internet presence, and event tabling/public outreach. We are still hoping to support waste education, cloth diapering, reusable materials, letter writing campaigns and newspaper articles on our website/facebook/twitter based on individual interests and contributions.

Political Action: Meeting with Eli Tannis

Everyone is encouraged to come meet Conservative MP hopeful Eli Tannis this upcoming Tuesday, June 4th at 7pm at Aiya’s house. The more people we have, the more it will show the Conservative Party how important Eco Action is in Ottawa South. Please invite whoever you can! We will also put the invite out on Facebook.

 Aiya’s address: 3230 Uplands Drive Unit 48.

 Erin has offered to carpool (email or text 613-408-0337)

The meeting will be based on question from “Environmental Platform Asks” that Aiya sent out to group previously:

<https://environmentaldefence.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/EnvironmentalPlatformAsks_2019Election_FINAL.pdf>

Political Action: Emailing and writing letters to McGuinty

With upcoming election, we would like to have McGuinty sign the pledge to protect our environmental rights:

<http://bluedot.ca/mp-pledge/supporters-list>

We are suggesting all members write a letter and/or email to this effect, and if anyone is interested in trying to arrange a meeting with McGuinty, contact Erin via email or text.

Composting

Our meeting this evening was held at Bridgehead in Westboro. We took photos of their composting site and asked questions about it. We were told a few businesses use these bins and share the cost of having it picked up. We will post this success story on social media.

Feel good news: Letter writing in schools

Erin shared that her class wrote letters to Catherine McKenna with the option of sending them. 14 of 28 chose to send theirs, and the topics ranged from reducing plastics to cleaning up mercury accumulation.

Updated member list and email

Since some members have moved away, and others can only commit to certain aspects of the group at this time, we’d like to take inventory on who is still interested and in what capacity. We would also like feedback about our proposed group changes. Members can respond to the google group, Aiya (aijaauzina@yahoo.com), or Erin (erinpaske@hotmail.com).