Hi all,

Here are my notes from Tuesday's meeting plus this link to virtual green drinks next week:<https://www.facebook.com/events/428217491947179/>

Most of the regulars in attendance. Tom Clute (sp?), who has experience in the sustainability field, currently working with battery recycling, has expressed interest in joining ESAC. Hope to see him at the next meeting!

Plastic bag ban - back in business! Not enforced until end of month.

Aggregation - Next Tuesday, 1/26 show support at the council meeting; 3rd reading will be close 6:00 PM. Expect it will pass. In a nutshell, Bexley residents will be able to "opt out" of the aggregation plan - AEP will provide a package of solar and wind energy to residents.

Food waste composting at Bexley restaurants - currently targeting Brassica, NewFangled, and Harvest

Plastics recycling update - some #5s now accepted! In the next water bill, the city will include a separate sheet announcing the new change and the CORRECT items allowed to be placed in recycling totes. Mayor Kessler and Elizabeth have created a video to explain these developments :)

Kudos to Carol on her work with the Whetstone Prarie Restoration Project. Carol gave an overview of the habitat restoration along the Olentangy bike trail and encouraged us to visit! Also, recommended the city of Bexley participate in a "bioblitz" in June which is pollinator month. Suggested getting Bexley Rec on board. The app "iNaturalist" can be used to survey different species in the Bexley area during the bioblitz.

ESAC initiatives - some discussion on whether ESAC has too many or too few initiatives in the works right now. Okay to have  several key ones moving forward: food waste composting, boot camp, litter clean up, Bex Living Magazine. Continue to work on things as ideas pop up

Bexley Living Magazine - entire April issue dedicated to green living!

Food Composting in Schools - Joanne is setting up a meeting with us to speak with Dr. Good

Boot camp - Allison at Piccadilly has created a 6 week session (every other week; outdoors) General theme is Respecting Nature. Will ask families to pay $5 per child per class, and the city will bridge the difference to $15. Suggested that some families can supply their own materials and/or put out a message on social media looking for materials. Would be wonderful to reuse/repurpose!

Great Green Bexley Independent Study Challenge is going strong and our very own Addison Helon was a winner, again!

Litter Clean up - Saturday, 1/23 at 1:00 on the Alum Creek bike trail; meet in the parking lot of Life Church.

Elizabeth's grand idea - offer to do a green/sustainability presentation for 5 minutes either in person or via zoom in every Bexley classroom. Go, Elizabeth!!

MORPC forum - Steve working on this. A forum for Columbus area residents to share their green ideas/projects. Date late February.

I hope I didn't miss anything!

Kathy