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## NEWSLETTER

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# Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community

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We have almost reached the end of January, and Spring is definitely coming. Just yesterday morning, I spotted some purple crocuses and snowdrops, Jon, an Efeca colleague heard a woodpecker on an early morning walk, and Conal, another Efeca colleague saw a green woodpecker from the train.

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**Climate Essentials** has signed up to DSPOC and will ensure that **all biscuits, cakes, chocolates** – basically any food that they buy for their office – will not cause any deforestation through conventional palm oil. This Bournemouth, London and Belfast based business provides free tools and support to help businesses work towards net zero emissions and a Fairer Environment. Their goal is to empower individuals, households, and small businesses to create a global community that is taking control of their carbon footprint and catalysing action to fight climate change. Welcome Climate Essentials!

**Joey's Family Food**, a Dorchester based business who makes meals for babies when they first start weaning, to older toddlers, have become **our latest fully fledged champion**. They have moved through the steps from pledging, checking with suppliers, making one change and then creating a policy statement in super quick time. Their ethos of sourcing ingredients as ethically as possible fitted in perfectly with the mission of the Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community. Check out their website to see the policy statement. Well done and thank you to Joey's!

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# MONTHLY UPDATE

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This month, we have not one, but two fully fledged champions! **Escoffier Restaurant at Bournemouth & Poole College** - the fine dining training restaurant for hospitality students - has also fulfilled all the steps. I am so pleased that checking for sustainable palm oil has become so embedded in their procurement procedures that they always check the ingredients contained are certified sustainable when placing an online order, and if in doubt, they will ring the supplier. They also put on their social media that they are DSPOC champions. Amazing stuff, Escoffier - thank you!

I am absolutely delighted to announce that **Sustainable Dorset**, one of our long-term supporters, has agreed to become a DSPOC Ambassador, meaning that they will support and promote the campaign to make Dorset the world's first sustainable palm oil county. They regularly share this newsletter on their website so that all of their followers and supporters can catch up on our progress and we are in preliminary talks about what else we can do collaboratively.

The Bridport arm of the DSPOC had a fantastic start to the new year speaking to many of Bridport's

businesses face to face to discuss the project with them. If you are one of the businesses that have received a visit, remember it is completely free of charge, we offer technical support and have lots of templates all available (including email templates that you can send to your suppliers).

A couple of weeks ago, I talked about DSPOC at the **inaugural ECOLlective event**, a space for ethical businesses, charities and NGOs to connect, share best practice, collaborate, and communicate in the BCP area. Founded by the **wonderful DSPOC Ambassador Warrior Agency**, an ethical PR specialist, and **ETHICLY**, an ethical digital marketing agency, Neil Carter, the General Manager at **The Green House Hotel (one of our Champions)**, Adam Wright, Head of Commercial at measurable.energy, and myself discussed the Green House Hotel's latest green initiatives, changing human behaviours in energy consumption and of course, the Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community initiative respectively. It was a fantastic afternoon and I very much look forward to next quarter's event. For more information about ECOLlective, contact Lizzie at Warrior or Nikki at ETHICLY.

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# NUMBER OF THE MONTH

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**Number of the month: Over 5500 members.** This is the current number of RSPO members (where a member is a company who has made a commitment towards promoting and supporting sustainable palm oil) worldwide.

RSPO stands for the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil and is the most recognised palm oil certification scheme here in the UK.

There are 4 different supply chain certified palm oil models used by RSPO:

*Identity Preserved* (oil delivered to the end user is traceable to the particular mill and its supply base);

*Segregated* (oil delivered to the end user comes only from certified sources, but oils from different certified sources can be mixed);

*Mass Balance* (certified oil is tracked throughout the supply chain but can be mixed with non-certified oil as long as the volumes of each are tracked and the correct proportions are sold as certified and non-certified); and

*Book and Claim* (certificate trading,

where an oil mill can gain credits for volumes of certified oil produced and sell these to an end user). Only Identity Preserved, Segregated and Mass Balance are physically sourced certified sustainable palm oil and are thus supported by DSPOC.

