**HOW CAN WE ENABLE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TO USE LESS PLASTIC?**

Print and sell Bags for Life – donations for community groups, re-use the bags

Protomax local plastic recycling company – promote their boards as a resource

Ben Hakken – precious plastics project – could we encourage a school or Edventure to take on this as a project, see link [here](https://preciousplastic.com/)

Schools can make bold decisions and influence

**Awareness**

Show the film A Plastic Ocean to schools

All schools invited to ‘tidy up plastic in the town’ afternoon

Promote local scrapstore

Need more men to get involved, schools have the opportunity educate girls and boys

Hold debates and discussions so young people are prepared to manage an opposing view. Help students develop skills on research and verifying argument / facts

**Schools – key items**

Glitter – how can we dispose of it safely and promote alternatives?

Glue sticks – can we bulk buy alternatives such as PVA?

Disposable water bottles, could PTA or similar fundraise and give students re-usable metal bottle?

Water fountains in schools, could these be re-instated?

School meal deals include free drinks and sometimes plastic cutlery (e.g. at Withington where students can eat outside). Could they link with bulk buy and get wooden cutlery (and mainly use re-usable cutlery)

Lots of wrappers in school lunches – can we promote alternatives?

Bic plastic recycling scheme – schools can collect and send back old pens

Encourage schools to sign up to go single-use plastic free

Hold a Mending festival partnering with schools

Need to have recycling bins available in all schools

Ban chewing gum