**AGM item – Launch of PALs – 3 minutes**

Hello, it’s good to see everyone.

I have just four questions to ask.

Firstly,

**What makes you sit up, take notice, talk to others and, at times, take action?**

When I joined WI for me it was this … clothes.

I swapped this … (fleece) for this … (woollen jumper) and told others what I was doing and why- all because of the Plastic Soup/microfibre resolution.

Secondly

**When did a resolution get your WI talking?**

I remember the emotional sharing during my WI’s discussion about Make Time For Mental Health. A very moving meeting where members felt confident to talk out in front of others.

My third question

**How does your WI take action with a resolution? And have you shared those ideas?**

BUT, for me this evening, the most important question is …

**Who in your WI comes to a meeting**

Having read about OR thinking about Or talking about Or wanting to take action about WI resolutions?

Can you see that member or members now in your mind?

The answers to these questions will be different for each WI here this evening. That is the great thing about WI

We all have different ways of being together.

**So, why am I asking you these questions?**

Think back to those members who read about or think about or talk about or take action about WI resolutions.

I am hoping that she or they may be interested in joining other like-minded Northamptonshire WI members and become a **PAL.**

**A Public Affairs Link for your WI.**

A PAL does not have to sit on your committee but will link with other PALs in other WIs locally and across the county to share ideas and experiences about raising awareness of WI resolutions.

There will be much more information coming out in the New Year.

But in the meantime think about who you will approach, in your WI, about this exciting new idea.

Let’s find ways together, to bring about real change.