

Wycombe Friends of the Earth – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 9th January 2008, 7.30pm

The Environment Centre, Holywell Mead, High Wycombe

Present: 10

Apologies: 1

1. Finance

- The group is in credit. Next subs will not be collected until at least April.
- Annual rent for the meeting room has been paid.

2. Schools wastage

- No replies from the schools' questionnaire etc. They will be contacted again.

3. Eden Centre – Plastic bag-free zone.

- A press release will be organised for the Bucks Free Press
- More Eden businesses have been contacted to encourage use of non-plastic bags.
- The new management company for Wycombe market will be asked about bag policy.
- WDC will be asked for support and their logo on our plastic bags leaflet.
- There are now a few other town centre shops discouraging use of plastic bags.
- Non-plastic bags are being researched. It is a complicated and there seems to be no ideal answer, only the least damaging.

The Big ASk

This is still going through the Lords. When it has passed through the committee stage and has moved on to the Commons, more action will be needed.

Sports Centre

- There is still much discussion at the Council on the location of the Sports Centre.
- Possible environmental features included in the plans need to be monitored.

5. Parks and Wild Areas.

- Wycombe FOE to investigate being Friends of the River Wye.
- Wycombe FOE also to be involved in the Rye Management Plan.
- Perhaps a website viewer may be interested in being involved with the above.

6. Radio Times' 70 Eco tips

- These will be included in our website

8. Land behind Priory Road

The Council has rejected the application but it could be overturned. This will be monitored.

9. Peak Oil

A film about Peak Oil will be shown on Jan 30th and Feb 27th at Environment Centre.

10. Message in the Waves

A copy of this film will be obtained with a view to showing it at the Environment Centre - maybe February. (This BBC film started the Modbury anti plastic bag campaign).

11. Website

Our new website will be set up shortly.

11. Next meeting will be Wednesday 6th February 2008 at 7.30pm at the Environment Centre (first Wednesday of each month).