

Wycombe Friends of the Earth – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 7th May 2008, 7.30pm

The Environment Centre, Holywell Mead, High Wycombe

Present: 7 members

Apologies: 3 members

1. Eden Centre – Plastic bag-free zone.

- The Eden Centre has been asked for business addresses, comments on 'greening up' Eden, turning the blue light off at night and installing recycle bins. No reply as yet.
- Investigations are under way to find out more about greening up a shopping centre.
- A connection between the Eden Centre and The Chamber of Commerce is being explored. Franchises within House of Fraser do not necessarily come under the House of Fraser umbrella when it comes to a bag policy.
- Members discussed how to extend the no plastic bags policy to the whole town.
- Customers could be encouraged to ask about plastic bags and postcards in windows could show those businesses that have moved in this direction.
- There are Tetra pak recycling points at Chinnor and Thame but recycling should not encourage use of Tetra paks in the first place.

2. The Big Ask Day of Action on 5th April

- The action was covered in the Bucks Free Press and deemed successful.
- Members spent over an hour in town on 5th April giving out leaflets and talking to passers by.
- The MP apologised for his absence due to illness.
- The Bill goes to the House of Commons shortly.

3. Finance

- The group is in credit.
- The Big Ask expenditure has been paid.
- The room at the Environment Centre has been booked for the second half of the year.

4. Website

- Some Ecotips are now on the website.
- A link will be added to the WDC website for recycling information.

5. Film Showing - Message in the Waves, 30th April.

- This was a success despite not huge attendance.
- We have had requests for the film to be shown elsewhere.
- Offering the film to schools was discussed.
- Useful contacts with Sainsbury's and Bucks New Uni were gained at the showing.

6. Schools Energy Wastage.

- No more replies.
- A press release was considered

7. Speakers for Future Meetings.

Possibilities were discussed for speakers on:

- Marine Reserves Campaign tying in with government consultation on a Marine Bill.
- Biofuels.

8. Next meeting will be Wednesday 4th June 2008 at 7.30pm at the Environment Centre