

# Wycombe Friends of the Earth - Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 7.30pm at The Environment Centre,  
Wye River Studios, 17 West Wycombe Road, High Wycombe, HP11 2LG

**1. Who's here:** 9

**Who's missing:** 3

**2. Tonight's facilitator** is the coordinator

### **3. What's on**

- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March Chinnor and Thame FOE AGM. Speaker – 'The Green Deal'.
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm, Jordans Quaker Meeting House– low carbon group. Science talk on Climate Change.
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 8.30-9.30pm Earth Hour. Switch off electricity.
- Weekend 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> March – 2.00pm-3.30pm. 2 Super homes are open. Please pre-book through [superhomes.org.uk](http://superhomes.org.uk).

### **4. Green living\***

The Ecotip for March will be:

We can all do our bit to reduce landfill. Wycombe's Household Waste and Recycling Centre at High Heaven's tip at Booker (nearly opposite Booker Air Park), accepts almost everything, much of which will be recycled responsibly. So don't put items such as fluorescent bulbs, textiles, cooking oil, batteries, and electrical goods in your grey bin – High Heavens will recycle them. For a full list of items that can now be recycled, see

[http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/waste/household\\_waste.page?](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/waste/household_waste.page?)

### **5. What we've been doing**

- Bee Leaflet – the leaflet, being finalised by the subgroup, has now received funding from National FOE, (£150) which will be used for printing. It has a member's beautiful illustrations to be completed, printing to be arranged and distribution to be finalised. The subgroup will meet again soon.
- A partial decision has been received from Bucks Council, after much correspondence. Planting the roundabout has been approved, but a licence may be required and electricity at the roundabout needs to be investigated. The situation will be clarified with a view to some planting this spring/summer if possible.
- A member has informed Red Kite Housing that he is interested in environment enhancing activities which he will pursue. The coordinator has been asked if WFoE would like to send representatives to a Red Kite meeting in order to enhance spare areas of land, eg sow wild flower seeds. Representatives will attend.
- Bee campaign resources have been received.
- Fish Fight – 2 members joined the Fish Fight march to put pressure on DEFRA to agree 127 Marine Conservation Zones. At present, they have only agreed 31. A link was circulated for members to sign in support of the campaign.

### **6. What's happening out there**

- The Incinerator and Waster Transfer Station project has moved onto the next phase. It was felt that the organisation proposing the station should be more accountable for the recycling/reusing of waste materials that the station would receive.

At present they are putting the responsibility for extracting recyclable materials onto the provider of the waste, which, as they are companies, will then answer to economics rather than environmental needs.

## **7. Campaign ideas**

Fracking Talk, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

- Paul Mobbs would like to confirm place and time.
- It was agreed that the talk will be at the Environment Centre for approximately 1½ hours, 7.45pm start. Open to the public, maximum 50, with donations.
- A member will confirm this with Paul Mobbs and also ask him if we can use information on his website on publicity. Also ask if we can put a link to his website on the WFoE website.
- £50 for the talk + expenses. Places should be booked.
- A meeting to discuss publicity and organisation will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, March 8pm.

## **7. Anything we've forgotten**

A member showed the meeting cards that she has made from another member's beautiful photos. They were duly admired and members were enthusiastic about using them for fund raising on stalls.

There followed a concentrated effort, in 2 groups, to design an eco-house for the Climate Change Challenge.

**8. Date of next meeting** will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 at The Environment Centre.