

# Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Monthly Meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015, 7.30pm at  
The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: 11

Apologies: 12

## 2. Finance.

- The treasurer reported that the group is £440 in credit. We will cover our basic costs but not much to spare.
- A new member has paid membership.

## 3. Pann Mill Stall (13th September)

- The rota was agreed.
- New FOE Bee Awareness information should be available by the 13<sup>th</sup> September. We could use climate change information also ahead of the climate change events in October and November.

## 4. Heathrow expansion

- A member has looked into Heathrow action groups with a view to information gathering. He will attend a meeting at Hammersmith and Fulham FOE on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September about Heathrow expansion. He will bring information/posters away, if possible, to use at the Pann Mill stall.
- A member expressed the need for WFOE members to be well informed so they can have a useful dialogue with members of the public at Pann Mill.
- A member said that a report he encountered stated that the extra runway at Heathrow would make sense economically and would also impact fewer homes than expansion at the other London airports. Also the report stated that, regarding emissions, it could be manageable provided that the government met other emissions targets. The report was weighing up which airport should undergo expansion rather than whether airports should be expanded at all.

## 5. Climate change march in London on Sunday 29th November.

- A member suggested we do some publicity in High Wycombe before the march, eg at Bucks New University and/or in town.
- A member suggested sending WEC (Wycombe Environment Centre) a piece of text asking for it to put it up in WEC and on the WEC Facebook etc.
- Climate day of action – 10<sup>th</sup> October – targeting, in particular, Barclays Bank because they finance/own a fracking company.
- Climate change action weekend 10<sup>th</sup> October.

## 6. Subjects for future meetings

- A member has sought out some permaculture films in order to inform the group.
- A member will provide his projector etc.
- A member suggested the film that has been brought out following Naomi Klein's book 'This Changes Everything'. The trailer is on Facebook.
- A member said that a film on the early days of Greenpeace is coming up, which might be worth considering.
- There might be a possibility that Kim Cheetham would give a talk to WFOE on Heathrow Expansion, perhaps in October. A member will try and contact him.

## **7. The Ecotip for September will be:**

A-Z of food saving tips

Our friends at Love Food Hate Waste have compiled some inspired tips to cut food waste. Find out how to reinvent food you thought was destined for the compost bin in the [A-Z of food saving tips](#).

## **8. AOB.**

- A member said that the corner patch in Downley is looking in need of attention. She will cut it back so that it seeds for next year.
- Re Morrison's working party, nothing has been heard from Roger Wilding. The co-ordinator will contact him and email the group.
- New member from Bourne End has sent membership fee. The treasurer will write and thank her, invite her to our meetings and tell her what we are up to. The co-ordinator will forward an email address of another contact to the treasurer for her to write to her also.
- The co-ordinator has had an email from FOE Central Office Community Activision Officer, who has asked us (WFOE) what we're up to and if she can help us. A member suggested that she could help provide a speaker, perhaps on long term socio/economic change with regard to the environment for our meetings, and how and where best to communicate our concerns to the public of High Wycombe.
- There was a discussion about how and where we could campaign in High Wycombe. It was thought that there are several possible places but not one very good central place.

**9. The next meeting** will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ.