

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 1st September 2009, 7.30pm at
The Environment Centre, Holywell Mead, High Wycombe

Present: 10

Names in bold denotes action by that person.

1. Ecotip of the Month will be:

Tin Foiled. Try to cut down on using aluminium foil in the kitchen as it takes lots of energy and resources to produce. When nothing else will do, try to buy foil made from 100% recycled aluminium. For more tips on recycling download our free booklet on waste, from the National Friends of the Earth website. Rod to add this to website.

2. Environment Centre

- The situation is still open and the fees we suggested are still under consideration.
- The Centre has been paid which takes us up to February 2010.

3. Finance

- The group is in credit.

4. High Street Stall – any lessons?

- This was thought to be generally enjoyable and successful.
- The venue was discussed; perhaps a narrower site would be preferable making it easier to engage people.
- Tim suggested that we could have had a rota spread out over a longer period.
- A good game for children was produced but few children seemed to be about.
- 62 postcards were filled in.
- A file to store lessons learned about events where appropriate will be compiled.

5. FOE Training

- Tim Atkinson has offered to train people in Food Chain issues if anyone is interested. Some training will be given at the FOE Conference, so Edwina and Mike will give feed back.
- The handbook has some useful tips of a general nature which could be distributed wider.

7. Climate Rush

- Climate Rush with horses will be passing through and stopping at the Environment Centre on Monday 7th September at 12 noon.
- Further details can be found at <http://www.climaterush.co.uk>.

8. Plastic Bags

There is a 'No Plastic Bag Day' on 12th September.

9. Planet Friendly Farming Event.

To be on 26th September, 7.30pm at John Hampden Grammar School with Paul Goodman, 3 farmers, a member of National FOE and someone from the Co-op may attend. Many organisations and people have been contacted with only a small response. Although there is a negative feel to this message it also needs to have a positive aspect.

We could join with Transition Towns in Marlow during Marlow Farmers Market on 19th September which would also serve to publicise the event on 26th.

The meeting then split into 4 groups for discussion.

1. *Onstage technical aspects of event: microphones, power points, set-up of stage etc.*
2. *Front of house – seating, displays, signposting, marshalling*
3. *Publicity*
4. *Format and speakers*

There will be sub-meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 7.45pm.

10. Next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th October at 7.30pm at the Environment Centre (first Wednesday of each month).