

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Thursday 14th June 2012, 7.30pm at The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe.

Present: 14

Apologies: 5

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Review of the year

- Items of interest over the year: Energy events, writing to MP, bee cause campaign, Bassetsbury allotments, incinerator, Wycombe Resource Zone, Chiltern Wood Recycling. National FOE Campaign and Regional Gathering, Film – 'Economics of Happiness', Earthmovers Award, Thermal imaging, Super Homes, Baregardens, Population Matters. High Speed Rail 2, Talks, Website.
- Offices: Co-ordinator, Treasurer, Minutes and Membership secretary, Web Master,
- Meetings usually attract 10-12 and members list is over 30.
- The Review was agreed as representative.

3. Financial report

- Financial status not currently sustainable.
- Income: membership and donations
- Expenses: donations, meeting room hire, FOE registration fee, website expenses, campaigning costs
- There were no questions about the finances.

4. Membership fees, meeting venue, meeting frequency, etc.

It was agreed that:

- Membership should go up to £10 for this current year.
- Meeting frequency – keep to once a month.
- Re: meeting place – members were encouraged to visit the Environment Centre by next meeting, with a view to meeting there in the future. Take into account accessibility, ease of finding it, parking etc. If you would like to visit inside, an FOE member will be there on Thursdays from 12 noon until 4pm.
- There was some discussion on holding a fund raising activity. No conclusion at present.

5. Election of Officers

Co-ordinator and Treasurer officers were agreed for the next year:

6. Bee Cause Campaign update on activities

- Hamilton School Fete
- Manor Farm School Fete
- Bee Leaflet
- Garden Centres
- Persuading land owners to plant wild flower areas

7. Next meeting will be the **on Wednesday 4th July 2012** at 7.30pm at the Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe (on the corner of London Road with Stuart Road).

Following the meeting, a local bee keeper, gave an interesting bee talk.