

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 5th September 2012, 7.30pm at The Environment Centre,
Wye River Studios, 17 West Wycombe Road, High Wycombe, HP11 2LG

Present: 15

Apologies: 0

1. Welcome and apologies

Nikki Packham from National FOE was welcomed. See item 4 below.

2. Ecotip of the month will be:

If you need a new kettle, you can now obtain them locally with a feature that enables you to set the kettle at 60 and 80 degrees C as well as boiling point, thus reducing energy when making coffee etc.

3. Forthcoming Events

- Weekend of 14-16th September - Friends of the Earth National Conference. Tickets still available for the rally on Saturday evening at Imperial College, London.
- Wednesday 19th September. Talk in Aylesbury about fracking. £5 in advance, £7 on the door. At Aylesbury District Council Chamber.
- Friday 12th October – Trinity United Reform Church. Talk by Wycombe Wildlife Group and Wildlife Trust about bees.
- Saturday 8th September, Mark Brown's 'Super Home'. Book online through link on WFOE website.

4. Nikki Packham, our Network Coordinator, lead an interactive session around stalls, skills and techniques for engaging with the public, and WFOE's public profile generally.

5. Review of Wycombe Harvest stall, arrangements for Notcutts stall.

Wycombe Harvest small but well attended. The stall was successful. Thanks to helpers. 2 members will confirm arrangements for Notcutts stall and send out a rota requesting help. Material used for the Wycombe Harvest will be used for the Notcutts stall.

6. Identify any immediate actions re our management of green spaces initiative.

A member will contact Wycombe District Council re roundabout.
Another member will write a reply to keep dialogue going in local press.

7. Finance and membership. No update

8. Winding up of Aylesbury Vale Friends of the Earth

There is a sum of money available from Aylesbury FOE if it benefits Aylesbury Vale.

9. Offer of Love Food Hate Waste presentation for October meeting.

A member did a Food Champions course and will do a presentation on food waste at the October meeting.

10. AOB

- A member will find out about leaflets/e-board at Wycombe Library.
- There is a planning application for a wind turbine just outside Princes Risborough.
- Bassetsbury allotments – the decision has been put back to council cabinet so allotments are not yet quite closed. The story continues.
- Fairacre – an old planning application we monitored previously off Priory Road, is now going to a planning appeal which a member will attend next week.
- Incinerator/waste transfer station. Unlikely to be stopped now.

13. Next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd October 2012 at 7.30pm at:

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