

Wycombe Friends of the Earth - Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 2nd April 2014, 7.30pm at The Environment Centre,
Wye River Studios, 17 West Wycombe Road, High Wycombe, HP11 2LG

1. Present: 11

Apologies: 2

2. Tonight's facilitator

3. Brief updates

- Bees. Bee meeting notes have been circulated to the whole group. **Any members** able to join the working party at 2pm on Saturday 5th April, please come along and bring a spade or fork, or both, if you have them. 5 members will definitely be there but the more workers we have the bigger the patch we can work. The patch to be worked is on the corner where Middlebrook Road meets Southfield Road, Downley.
- New Local Plan – responses should be to WDC by Friday 4th April but if you do not manage this deadline, still submit them up to Easter as they will probably be received.
- Sunny Schools – no update at present. New funding has been released for this from the government.

4. Ecotip will be:

Clearing out the garage or shed? Your unwanted tools could be invaluable in helping communities overseas earn a living. To donate home and garden tools, contact Work Aid who operate from Chesham. Unwanted tools and equipment are collected from all over the UK and refurbished by a team of dedicated volunteers at the WORKAID workshop. The refurbished tools are then sent to vocational training projects where they help vulnerable and disadvantaged people to learn trade skills and start their own businesses.

*Find out more at <http://www.workaid.org/default.html>. Yet more information can be found at *Tools with a Mission and Tools for Self Reliance*.*

5. Forthcoming events

- Saturday 5th April – working party, 2pm (see above).
 - Sunday 6th April - Town walk to identify potential sites for bee friendly planting at 5pm. (Meet outside Morrisons entrance. Walk from Morrisons to Railway Station . All welcome.
 - Friday 25th April - Paul Mobbs will be speaking at Watlington Environment Group at 8pm.
 - Saturday 26th April FOE regional conference in London. Details have been circulated.
 - Sunday 27th April at Pann Mill –Wycombe Wildlife Group 25 year anniversary – local walks along Wye and woodlands. They will be discussing ideas for more activities and members. WFOE could link in with this.
 - Saturday 17th May Food and Permaculture course – 1st session will be on at 'Arts for Everyone' Centre, Desborough Road. Details on the WFOE website calendar.
 - Sunday 11th May - Pann Mill Open Day. **Volunteers** requested to man the stall for an hour or so.
 - Thursday 5th June – World Environment Day.
- Future talks – The Co-ordinator will contact public relations from solar farms for a possible talk in the June meeting.

6. The next meeting will be the AGM **on Wednesday 4th June 2014** at 7.30pm at **The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road (on corner of Stuart Road)**.

Main item - An introduction to GM

If anyone reading this is interesting in receiving a copy of the notes on the GM talk, please email through 'contact us' on the WFOE website.