

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Monthly Meeting on Wednesday 2nd March 2016, 7.30pm at
The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: 9

Apologies: 3

2. Finance – no change.

3. Green living suggestion will be:

Buy Easter Eggs with less packaging – see website for suggestions

4. Future Events

- 19th March - SE Regional Gathering at FOE HQ in London
- 19th March - Earth Hour, 8.30-9.30pm - turn your lights off
- 23rd March – Film Night – Naomi Klein 'This Changes Everything' – more info. below
- 22nd April - Earth Day
- 3-5th June - FOE Base Camp in Derbyshire

5. Stall at John Hampden

4 members attended, set up and manned the WFOE stall.

From 7-8pm, people (mostly 6th formers) viewed the stalls and asked questions. Small posters were handed out advertising our upcoming Naomi Klein film.

From 8-9pm, there were two topics (Trident and membership of the European Union) presented by opposing camps.

6. Naomi Klein film – organisation

- The download has been received.
- Two members have downloaded the film and ascertained that it works.
- Date set for Wednesday 23rd March, 7.30pm, at The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe.
- Refreshments at 7.30pm for a film-start at 8pm.
- Entrance free but donations will be requested.
- Publicity – if anyone can print out a poster and distribute it, please do so. There is a button (called 'Media') on the website to get to A4, A5 and A6 sizes of the poster.
- A co-ordinator will introduce the film, and inform the group that the film will be discussed at the next WFOE meeting in April.
- 4 members will be at FMH for 7pm to set up chairs, film and refreshments. If others can help at 7pm, please turn up.

7. Any Other Business

Review of the Group

A member suggested that we review what we are doing and why we are doing it. It was thought a good suggestion, but perhaps not just yet.

The handbook will be circulated for members to view. Then it can be updated as appropriate at a later date.

Marinet (an action group on the marine environment and conservation)

Marinet has sent a renewal notice, so our membership has been renewed which does not involve any cost. This was approved and the website will be updated appropriately.

Fair Trade Event

- The Fair Trade certificate for High Wycombe was renewed for 2 years and Bucks New Uni was also given recognition.
- The organisation intends to sponsor a fair trade flower bed for the town beside the old library, implemented by the Council.

Morrisons stream work

- 4 members will assist Wycombe Wildlife Group on Wednesday 9th March at 10am to do this work, which will involve clearing up, and, at a later date, some planting.
- It has been suggested to Morrisons that they provide a litter bin to reduce litter in the stream.
- It was agreed that a co-ordinator will ask Morrison's for the cost of the plants, as WFOE and WWG are providing the labour.

Heathrow 13

- A member attended the Heathrow 13 court case. Aggravated trespass can now incur a custodial sentence. However, suspended sentences were issued.

8. A co-ordinator presented an interesting and well researched report on air quality. Many thanks.

- He will circulate the notes from the report by email.
- The report was discussed and it was thought that, initially, we should ask Wycombe District Council why further air quality management sites have not been declared and why there appears to be missing data.
- When answers to these have been received, a member will prepare a report for the Bucks free Press.

9. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th April 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at The Friends Meeting House.