

# Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Monthly Meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 7.30pm at  
The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: 10

Apologies: 2

## 2. Finance

Subscriptions are due. 8 members paid their membership.

## 3. Green living tip will be:

Plant 'good for pollinators' plants this summer.

## 4. Future Events

- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Climate march: 'Going backwards on Climate Change'.
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, Chinnor and Thame May Fayre, 11-4pm
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, Friends of the Wye meeting at Trinity United Reformed Church, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ, 11am.
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 11am-5pm – Pann Mill Open Day.
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, Quaker Fun Day (After a brief discussion, it was decided that we would accept an invitation to hold a stall/table at this event).

## 5. Pann Mill – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

- The rota is organised and a member passed on the bee literature from National FOE.
- Main objective will be to promote planting of bee-friendly flowers due to the decline of bees and promote the bee leaflet and other literature. Also, some of the material on climate change used at the John Hampden stall will be used to raise awareness.

## 6. Revive the Wye

- Still no response, as far as we know, from Morrisons, re funding the plants for the river on their premises.
- A co-ordinator will prepare a short piece about the work done on this for WWG.

## 7. Air quality

A co-ordinator will ask a question at the next Wycombe District Council meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm.

He will refer to reported dangers to health from air pollution and go on to urge monitoring so that the problem is clear and the worst spots could be publicised.

Discussion continued and other ideas included:

- Signs could be put up to warn people of the high pollution are signs to encourage drivers to turn off engines when stationary at traffic lights.
- A member pointed out that many buses are kept running when stationary in the bus station, despite a notice asking drivers to switch off the engines when waiting. Perhaps individuals could write to the bus station to urge compliance with the notices.
- Main pollution is due to combustion – car engines, bonfires and solid fuel heating, including log burners.
- A member will circulate their air quality report for the Bucks Free Press.

## 8. Handbook Review

- Personnel will be updated to reflect reality.
- A member will put a link to our Facebook page onto the website.
- Handbook refers to the membership form being on the website so it will be done.
- A co-ordinator will amend the handbook accordingly and circulate it to members.

## **9. FOE board Election**

Closes on 3<sup>rd</sup> June

It has to be a group vote.

Members were urged to read the information circulated by a co-ordinator and decide on a candidate at the next WFoE meeting.

## **10. AOB**

**1. AGM** – Officers are willing to continue unless others wish to take up a role.

- A member will contact Solasave to speak at our AGM.
- A co-ordinator will look into finding local members of National FOE who do not belong to a local group.
- Two members will provide refreshments.
- A member will book the larger room at the Friends Meeting House for the AGM.

**2.** A co-ordinator will pass on to a member an email he has received from someone who has suggested a link about not wasting food. The member will check it out and put it on the website if appropriate.

**The next meeting** will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at The Friends Meeting House. This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting.