

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 1st June 2016, 7.30pm at
The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: 11

Apologies: 2

The AGM began with a short talk about '**Revive the Wye**' by a member of that group.

This talk was followed by AGM business as follows:

2. **Review of the year** - previously circulated.

WFOE has been slightly more active this year. The Naomi Klein film attracted a pleasing number of people. Perhaps we should do this on a more regular basis in future, perhaps once or twice a year.

There was a discussion about the possibility of running a monthly stall or a green fair.

Members to think about the possibility of this as well as possible format and venue.

3. **Financial report** – previously circulated.

The group has a positive balance of £408.86. Membership income is £160 and most outgoings are due to room hire. Pann Mill stalls and Film evenings pay for themselves.

4. **Election of Officers** (Coordinators and Treasurer)

The two joint co-ordinators and the treasurer were re-elected unanimously en bloc.

5. **Voting** representative at Basecamp,

A member is attending Base Camp this coming weekend where there will be the election of trustees. WFOE members present at this meeting were happy for the member to vote on the group's behalf after he has listened to the credentials of the nominees.

6. **Quaker Fun Day** on 25th June. 2-6pm. We will run a WFOE stall at this event.

There will be a craft activity for children. It was agreed that the present arrangement of posters etc. on the display board used at Pann Mill will suffice for the Quaker Fun Day.

7. **Any other business**

Future Events:

5th June - Environment Day.

11th -19th - June Bike Week

18th June - Revive the Wye event at Wooburn Fete

June 22nd, 8pm - Low Carbon Chilterns AGM

July 11th - World Population Day

Green spaces – A member has sent out a letter to parish councils to encourage their management of greens spaces in an environmental way.

Air quality – A member sent the question for Council to a cabinet member. He has had a reply to say that the Council are considering moving forward with air quality proposals but there is no time set for doing this. He will ask the question at the next appropriate Council Meeting in July to highlight the topic.

HS2. A member has had an enquiry about the WFOE view on HS2. He sent a summary of our position established a few years ago which has not changed and said that the Chiltern Society is the most active group on this at the moment. WFOE objections are

mainly on the basis of habitat loss, emissions and use of resources during building against questionable benefit.

BFP letter. A member noted that in a letter to the BFP, a member of the public has stated that Professor Mackay (who has died) said that we should continue to use fossil fuels and carbon capture because renewables are expensive and unreliable. At least Professor Mackay admits to a problem.

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