

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Monthly Meeting on Wednesday 3rd August 2016, 7.30pm at
The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: 7

Apologies: 5

2. Finance – in credit

3. Green Living tip of the month will be

Eat less meat. Thousands of us are already eating less meat to cut our contribution to climate change. It helps that meat-free dishes are cheap and tasty, and delicious options like pulses have one of the lowest carbon footprints of any food we eat. Find out more with recipes at:

<http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=2025520aace5b8eab03720707&id=e06c5ef93e&e=84e4a17d45>

4. Future Events:

Sat 17th September – Revive the Wye Social

Sun 11th September – Pann Mill Open Day

Throughout September – Superhomes - book a slot to view. See website:

www.superhomes.org.uk/get-inspired/events/ and scroll down for High Wycombe homes.

Exhibition – World of Clean Energy at Wycombe Environment Centre – on at present.

Litterpick on Kingsmead on 13th August from 10am.

Thursday 22nd September – Car Free Day. See www.daysoftheyear.com/days/world-car-free-day/

5. Air quality – feedback and future plans.

- Potential areas of action include Pann Mill stall, website, BFP possibly, meeting with official from WDC (definitely), bus operators,
- A member will contact Carousel to enquire about buses.
- A member will monitor engines being left on over a half hour period distinguishing between Arriva and Carousel.
- A member will compile a list of comments and questions for him to ask WDC official and will circulate the list or bring it to the next meeting.
- Areas of concern to be highlighted for a leaflet/poster for Pann Mill and for website.
- Tips for the public – areas of high pollution, turn off intake fan if in traffic so don't suck in exhaust from vehicle in front, turn off engine when stopping at long traffic lights, don't sit and eat lunch close to buses in bus station and busy roads, use more public transport.
- A member will draft leaflet and poster etc for Pann Mill stall "Did you know that there are areas of HW that exceed safe air quality levels. Take a leaflet to help protect yourselves"/ "Find out what we are doing about it"/ "If you're concerned, sign here and add a comment". Print laminated speech bubbles for people to add their comments.
- This information will be put on the website.
- A member will research minimally where High Wycombe is in the pollution list in Bucks.

6. Wycombe District Council Draft Local Plan, a leaflet about which all members should have received.

- Brown field sites in HW are being used up rapidly. What happens in the future?
- **Members** to look at their plans and add comments as the consultation ends on Monday 8th August.

7. Facebook group for group coordinators

- A member has an email to say that a Facebook page has been set up for local groups to use. Facebook is a good way of networking.
- 2 members will action.

8. Pann Mill – September 11th (bees/food issues?)

- A member will obtain copies '16 things you need to know about food' booklets for the stall from FOE and will set up rota.

9. AOB

- A member mentioned that it is WFOE is 10 years old in October. A cake was suggested/requested! Perhaps compile a list of our achievements.
- Members to email any ideas they may have to mark this occasion.

- A member has had a meeting with someone through John O'Connor with a view to making two specific, presently mown, areas, into a wild flower area. Well done. See www.bucksmknep.co.uk or email nep@buckscc.gov.uk

10. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at The Friends Meeting House.