

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Monthly Meeting on Wednesday 5th July 2017 7.30pm at
The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ

Welcome and Apologies

Present: 13

Apologies: 0

1. Clean air, including feedback from the street stall

- 4 WFOE WfoE members attended. Some cards to be sent to MPs were completed. BFP photographer took photos. A member has drafted some words for BFP but no response yet. Stall judged to be a success.
- A member to put the paragraph and photos on the website.
- There was a discussion about the venue of this and other stalls we do. The HW stall targets the public in general but people are hurrying past. Pann Mill benefits from amblers who are willing to stop but they are largely converted to the cause.
- National Air Quality Plan is expected at the end of July.
- A member contacted WDC with questions. They said that 2016 results are due in next couple of weeks and will be published. It is anticipated that some areas are exceeding limits but results are unlikely to be as poor as expected. They don't think the national strategy will benefit High Wycombe as more critical areas are being targeted.
- Some areas are introducing a bylaw discouraging stationary vehicles idling with engine on.

2. Finance and Fund Raising Ideas

- £317 in credit but will be £80 short on the year.
- We need to raise some funds. With more selling effort at Pann Mill and maybe Chinnor and Thame FOE Green Fayre in October perhaps more funds could be raised. Ideas such as selling jam, cakes, cards, bric a brac, books, were discussed. Children's activity or lucky dip perhaps (could attending members provide 5 items for the lucky dip?).
- 14 members have paid membership. Could we raise membership or charge a small amount at each attendance or for tea/coffee? **All members** to consider and comment. Review in October.

3. Green Living tip

- It was agreed to have - 'Men in Sheds' recycle wood, meet at Kingsmead Road depot. They make raised beds and plant pot trolleys etc. or will make items to order. Tuesday and Thursday 10am-4pm. 01494 446 418. Will be put on website.

4. Issues arising from Chris Church's presentation to the AGM

- A member will put a note on the website to say that we are looking for someone to keep our Facebook page up to date.
- A member will put stalls and monthly meetings and any events we do on our Facebook page.
- A member will draw up a list of a wider group of contacts to inform them of stalls, meetings etc. and will use the membership list for this purpose. By the next meeting we will have an idea of the validity of this mailing list and then hopefully a member will volunteer to use the list to telephone people to try and further their interest.
- A member will review the welcome leaflet for the purpose of getting contact details of new members and giving them something to inform them of meetings and activities.

5. Brief report from Basecamp

- Followed the AGM of the European FOE, so European colleagues were present.
- Numbers held up but it wasn't as lively as previously.
- They are looking for local group members to be facilitators in the workshops in future years.
- New campaigns could include food, ie supermarket sell by date food, wastage at home,
- Follow-up conference (Paris) to take place in Germany, in the Autumn.

6. Forthcoming events

- Population Matters event at Arts4Every1 in Desborough Road, HW, on Tuesday 18th July, 7pm.

7. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 2nd August**, 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House, address above and will be a more relaxed meeting. All attendees to bring a small plate of something foodie that might be vaguely interesting.