

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 7.30pm at The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ

Present: 14

Apologies: 0

Names in **bold** indicate action required by that person.

1. Finance and Ecotip

The group is in credit and the Ecotip for December will be:

24 Tips for an ethical Christmas

<https://friendsoftheearth.uk/food/24-tips-ethical-christmas-mostly-about-food>

2. Greatmore Waste Plant Visit and waste in general

- 12th February was thought to be the best date for the visit, and it is hoped that we will take at least 10 people. The maximum number is 15. A member will arrange.
- We should encourage waste reduction generally – will discuss further in February.

3. John Hampden Grammar School Politicon event – 8th February 2018

- A member will ask the school if we can/need to bring our own display boards. Last time JH provided boards. Main focus - to advertise WfoE and show campaigns we have done and are currently doing.

4. Air Quality

A member received an automated acknowledgement for the comments submitted on behalf of the Group's to the Air Quality Management Area consultation. He had also seen an article about tree-planting by the Lane End Conservation Volunteers to supplement the hard noise barriers being installed by the Highways Agency, and will try to find out more.

5. Migration from Yahoo to Google

A member will progress this by the New Year.

6. Ideas for future meetings

- A member will circulate any specific topics he finds on the Green Peace website for us to consider with a view to having a Green Peace speaker on one of those topics at a future meeting. \zzxx
- A topic could be researched and perhaps a video clip found to inform the rest of the group about that topic.
- A member suggested a speaker from the Green Party. This will be progressed.

7. Potential Green Fayre

- Finance - A member has information from Chinnor and Thame FOE about the financial side of their Green Fayres. Lately profit is down from previously, but currently they do more swap shops and campaigns which don't bring so much cash but is consistent with FOE ethos. They aim to cover the hall hire with the stall/table fees and make most profit from lunch and refreshments. They give any spare funds they make to national FOE or local environmental causes.
- Possible locations – an empty shop in Eden, Arts4Every1 in Desborough Road, HW Library, or the Guild Hall, although it is thought there is still no lift there for disabled visitors, the Chiltern Centre. Perhaps link with Wycombe Arts Festival in a shop space in Eden in May. These ideas will be considered by members.

8. New Road Scheme for High Wycombe

- This is out for public consultation and the closing date is 12th January.
- Members are encouraged to look at the proposals and make their comments. Details can be found at: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/news/improvement-plans-for-high-wycombe-town-centre-roads/>

and the consultation can be found at:

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=4318>

After some discussion, it was thought that air quality wasn't obviously considered and there is little extra provision for cyclists or pedestrians. A member will enquire further about provision for these aspects.

9. AOB

The new FOE image has removed 'see things differently' but the circular logo is the same. The name 'friends of the earth' is now capitalised to read 'Friends of the Earth'. National FOE has circulated each

local group with their town name after 'Friends of the Earth' instead of before, ie 'Friends of the Earth Wycombe'. However, we don't feel the need to change our format in the short term.

10. Next Meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd January 2018, 7.30pm in the pub. Venue will be decided by email.