

## Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 6th June 2018 at 7.30pm at  
The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ

**Present:** 11

**Apologies:** 6

Plus Ted Burke (Campaign Officer from National FoE),

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

### 1. AGM: the Business Part

- The meeting was chaired by a co-ordinator.
- Approval of last year's AGM minutes: these had been circulated before the meeting and were approved by those present as being an accurate representation of the meeting.
- Review of the Year. This also had been previously circulated to members. It was suggested that this be added to our website.
- Financial report. Again the report had been circulated prior to the evening. Read by the Treasurer.
- Election of Officers (Coordinator and Treasurer). One of the co-ordinators has stood down. The other co-ordinator and the treasurer were duly nominated and elected.

2. Presentation and discussion on plastics with Campaign Officer Ted Burke from national Friends of the Earth. After introducing ourselves Ted gave a summary of the major points of the campaign, followed by question and answer section and then a storming of ideas. A report will follow on the content and results of this part of the meeting.

3. Alternative meeting place for July meeting. Due to building work at the Friends Meeting House we need an alternative meeting place for July. The meeting will take place at 7.30pm in a room at Wycombe Rye Lido There is a small parking fee in the car park or some free spaces on Bassetsbury Lane. A note of the new meeting venue will be put on the website and a note will be placed on the Meeting House door on the evening.

4. Air quality. WDC now writing air quality plan on basis of nitrous oxide levels. Their time line has been delayed from original targets. A co-ordinator submitted comments to their published strategy and received a note of recognition for the input. National strategy gives higher profile to particulates than in earlier versions. Wycombe no longer monitors particulates. Maybe Wycombe will have to revisit this.

A co-ordinator said there is a DIY kit for particulate monitoring (made in China). It is not perfect but it maybe something we would want to consider in the future.

National Clean Air day on 21st June. In future years WDC will have an awareness day, but this year cannot. Although it would have been good it

was generally thought to be too short a notice for us too. Perhaps we can spark a press release to recognise the day. A member will write to the BFP to this effect. We thought that for any kind of demonstration we would need a gas mask. Perhaps we should try and obtain one for future events.

5. Base Camp. A co-ordinator attended this year's Base Camp and found it interesting. No Base Camp next year due to reduced funding. "Enhanced" regional gathering instead. Not clarified what that is.

6. Heathrow. There will be a campaign of some kind on this but it is not yet clear what form it will take. Heathrow expansion will now go to House of Commons for approval.

7. Oxford FoE will be organising a regional meeting on planning and housing etc. Will involve Oxford, Chinnor & Thame, HW, MK and Maidenhead.

Meeting closed at 9.30.