

# Wycombe Friends of the Earth

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 7.30pm at The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ

The meeting began with an interesting talk and presentation by Peter Sims of the Green Party about climate change which included trends, projections and some possible and likely solutions. A question and answer session followed.

After this, WFOE held a shortened business meeting, as follows.

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: 16

Apologies: 3

### 2. Finance and Ecotip

WFOE is in credit.

The Ecotip for October will be:

*Create a garden pile*

*Now's a good time to prepare for wildlife that might come and hibernate in your garden over the winter, such as frogs and hedgehogs. Put an uneven pile of logs in a quiet corner, for small animals to get cosy. Even a pile of stones will offer shelter to a range of insects and spiders.*

Thames Water currently has an initiative whereby you can order **free** devices to reduce your water usage and therefore, if you are on a meter, your water bills. Available are shower and tap water saving devices, 'save-a-flush' and shower timer devices. Some addresses are being offered a visit to help reduce water usage as well as obtaining the above devices – they may be rolling this out around the district in batches. **Rod** will put this on the website. In the meantime, more here:

<https://watersavingdevices.thameswater.co.uk/Product>

### 3. Plastic waste campaign

The Plastic Free Picnic ran last month in conjunction with Pann Mill Open day, was a success.

WFOE also ran a stall at this open day.

The film 'A Plastic Ocean' will be screened 20th November. Further organisation can be decided at the November meeting. BFP will be contacted.

A separate meeting for the plastic campaign is likely to be arranged before the next monthly meeting.

### 4. Short items/updates

Air Quality

Our comments to the consultation have been submitted.

There are good school packs available from National FOE.

'Do it' community fund

This was deferred until the November meeting.

Recycling

A member will draft a response to the WDC consultation and circulate it to members for comment. There was a brief discussion about the content of this response.

Marinet.

As a member of Marinet, WFOE has been asked for its views on Marinet priorities. There was a brief discussion about this, as a result of which, a member will draft a response and circulate.

Chinnor and Thame Green Fayre – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October, Thame Town Hall, 10am-2pm.

Sally has booked a stall at this fayre for WFOE. Two members will man the stall.

**5. The Next Meeting** will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, at The Friends Meeting House, 7.30pm, 25 London Road, HP11 1BJ.

