

Wycombe Friends of the Earth
Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 6th February at 7.30pm at
The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: 16

Apologies: 5

2. Finance (£340)

WfoE is in credit.

The Ecotip for February will be:

Reduce your plastic packaging.

One way to do this is to consider using Fill Food, a young company supplying non-perishable foods avoiding the use of packaging. See more at: www.fillfood.co.uk

A representative from 'Fill Food' outlined how the company works. Non-perishable food and some household products, are delivered without plastic packaging, in an electric van to the local area on a specified day of the week depending on the area. Customers can order and pay online. www.fillfood.co.uk

3. Plastics campaign

- Reducing single-use plastic in schools.

A member will send out a follow-up email to schools with more suggestions for reducing their single use plastic. Two members will contact a few schools over the next few weeks to ask if they have received the email, if they have managed to reduce their plastic use and possibly ask if they have other ideas to share.

- Showing 'Plastic Ocean' film again

There is a possibility that we could show this in Marlow.

- Plastic Attack

A member has this in hand and Bucks New Uni has been contacted with a view to involving students possibly.

4. Air Quality

The Air Quality Policy is looking to introduce binding limits on particulates.

Selling the most polluting wood burning stoves will be banned.

A member will send a response to the Council on our behalf to suggest that buses should be allowed access to the town centre when the High Street is closed for events, as they are part of the solution not the problem.

A member will look into the 3rd runway at Heathrow pros and cons as it is not clear-cut.

5. Climate change

- Councils have the opportunity to declare their own climate emergency motion (Oxford, Milton Keynes and Bristol have done this) although it doesn't necessarily give them any extra powers. For Bucks, it might have more meaning when Bucks unifies in April 2020. A member will look into whether there is an opportunity to put a question to council.

- There is an anti-fracking event at Centrica headquarters on 22nd February. It will be on our Facebook page.

- There is a student strike planned on 15th Feb against climate change.

6. John Hampden Grammar School 'Politicon' event – Thursday 14th February

WFOE has had a stall at this event over the past 3 years. It involves local community groups showing what they do for sixth formers in the area to view. At the end of the evening, there is a panel and audience 'question time' session. Four members will attend.

7. Extinction Rebellion

A member is in communication with someone from Extinction Rebellion with a view to getting a speaker for one of our meetings.

6. Other Business and events

- WI is having a Food Poverty event in Aylesbury on Tuesday 2nd April, 10.30am-3.30pm. More details on WI 'What's on' page at: www.bucksfwi.org.uk/whats-on.html
- Vegan market. Khepera, an organisation promoting health and wellbeing, is running an event on Saturday 23rd February 10am-2pm at *Arts4every1* in Desborough Road, High Wycombe. High Wycombe. £2 entry. Vegan foods and eating on a budget will be promoted.
- Green Living Event run by Chinnor and Thame FOE – Saturday 11th May, 10am-2pm, Mill Lane School, Chinnor.
- FOE national event on Saturday 22nd April at Amnesty International, London.

7. Next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th March 2019 at The Friends Meeting House.