

## Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 7.30pm at  
The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ

Present: 10

Apologies: 6

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

### 2. Finance and Ecotip

No unusual expenses. Only outgoings at the moment are room hire.

Eco-tip: Great British Spring Clean 22 March – 23 April 2019, are calling on Litter Heroes across the country to help improve the environment on their doorstep. They're aiming to inspire 500,000 people to join forces - in partnership with community organisations, businesses and the government - to collect and safely dispose of single-use plastic from our streets, parks and beaches, recycling as much as possible. So join us, as we prepare to stand together and declare that single-use plastic litter – which degrades the beauty of our environment and threatens to harm wildlife – is not acceptable.

More details on how to join in at:

[www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean)

In this connection if anyone knows of litter collections let us know and a link will be put to them on the Facebook page.

3. Plastics: a few positives from School follow up though without a prompt the original email had often gone unnoticed. Some interest in assemblies. Maybe we have enough to be going on with.

No news re “plastic attack”. A member will follow up.

Film: A member contacted Marlow Transition Town in regard to showing the film, but not a lot of enthusiasm for it. Two members sent follow-on encouraging e-mail but no response to that so far.

Lobbying MPS. No replies to local group emails, but on a national level some 30 MPs had signed up.

A member mentioned Greenpeace circular drawing notice to the government consultation re deposit scheme on plastic bottles. Not everyone had seen it so it will be circulated.

### 4. Air Quality

At our last meeting a member agreed to fill in on-line survey which he did. Received a response basically saying decision will be published.

A member has been in touch with someone who has an electric vehicle but not his own charging station. He has own website “[leaflife.co.uk](http://leaflife.co.uk)” (blog). Because of difficulty in charging he contacted us with a view to influencing the council to increase the number of rapid charging places. He says there are only two sites locally and one doesn't work for him. A member has advised him of the possibility of putting a direct question to the council himself. Possibly it is not the time for WFoE to push the council on this as they have only recently published their plans which include encouraging the installation of chargers. We may follow this up in 6 months or so time.

Meanwhile it was pointed out that there is a charging station at Handy Cross which perhaps Gareth is not aware of. A member will respond to him.

National Foe had  $\frac{3}{4}$  page article on air quality printed in Guardian. Marlow Hill comes out as amongst top 10 worst spots in region.

#### 5. Climate change

A lot of climate change protests are coming up organised by various organisations, including Extinction Rebellion (XR). A member has been in contact with XR and he was invited to learn to be a speaker, which he did. A member of Marlow XR is speaking at an event on Wednesday at Liston Hall in Marlow. One of our members is now a supporting speaker there.

Thame and Chinnor are holding a Climate Emergency Meeting on 19th March. Attendees welcome.

#### 6. April Meeting

We will have a speaker, a member from Extinction Rebellion with one of our members as secondary speaker. XR more rebellious and radical than FoE. A member of Marlow XR will also come to our meeting. Come and learn a bit about them.

Tea and coffee required.

The large meeting room will be requested.

7. Pann Mill 12th May. Yes, let's book. At least 4 people offered to help. Hopefully Ivan will be around too. Population Matters event on 12th October. £5 stall fee. A member could probably give talk.

Pann Mill looking for helpers too for cake and tea stand.

Politicon event. Students were interested but want more action. What can they do re Climate change. Suggest address this at May meeting and look for ideas on action to add to boards. There were a lot of reports on changes in schools particularly regarding reducing use of plastic cups. It was generally agreed that the event is worth attending.

Marinet: We were recently asked to vote on preferred emphasis for their future work. Preference came out for Rights of Nature.

Meeting concluded at 8.50pm.