

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7.30pm at
The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ

Present: 14

Apologies: 2

Leila talked to us about Chiltern Rangers who conduct community engagement and conservation in the Wycombe and wider area, helping people to engage in the natural heritage of their local area. Chiltern Rangers have a 5 year programme - Chalk Cherries and Chairs and are looking for volunteers to get involved in the practical side of countryside management or admin. Anyone interested can contact Leila at: leila@chilternrangers.co.uk.

1. Finance and Ecotip

WFoE is in credit. 12 members have paid so far for the current year.

The Ecotips for October will be:

1. Visit a local farm - details on the website.
2. Stand up to Climate Chaos event on 12th October - details on the website.

2. Climate Emergency

Stand up to Climate Chaos - 12th October. 7pm

At Trinity United Reform Church, London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ

£5 for a stall, £8 entrance ticket on the door, £6 in advance.

Several members will attend.

Climate Emergency Stall – Eden Centre. Saturday 26th October. 9.30am-6pm.

We have a 1sq. m. space and the rules state we cannot stop people only talk to those who approach us so we need to make stall eye-catching and attractive.

Could use a banner – ‘Climate Emergency. How you can help’ with key messages to include:

Eat less meat

Tell your politicians this really matters

Insulate your home

Join with others in collective action

Drive Less

Spread the word to friends and workmates.

5 members will attend. A sub-committee meeting with some of those participants will be held on Saturday 5th October 3pm.

3. Air quality - nothing yet on whether the town centre road changes have shown any benefit.

4. Plastics - The French government is banning single-use plastic cups, plates, cutlery from the end of 2020. Why aren't we??

5. Bucks Unitary Authority

There was some discussion about how to engage with the Bucks Unitary Authority.

6. Any Other Business

Zero waste shop in Marlow. Details:

Seed1 is Marlow's first zero-waste shop and not only will we aim to make environmentally-friendly living accessible to everyone in the community, we'll also offer

educational opportunities for children around looking after the planet and support other local businesses to ditch single-use plastic.

Seed1 is a Community Interest Company and all profits will go to supporting the homeless in our community. The shop will offer work experience, training and employment opportunities for those experiencing homelessness and all profits will go towards providing accommodation, healthcare and support for these individuals.

Chinnor and Thame Christmas Green Fayre - 23rd November, Thame town hall.

Wycombe Climate Strike. Several members attended at the top of Marlow Hill and HW town centre. Other members went on to London, Oxford or Beaconsfield.

'Believers against Climate Change'. A member started this Wycombe based initiative and has had interest from each religious group.

The next meeting of Wycombe Friends of the Earth will be on Wednesday 6th November, 7.30pm at The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ.