

## Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm at  
The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ

**Present:** 11

**Apologies:** 6

### 1. Finance and Ecotip

20 members have paid membership this year.

WFOE is currently in credit.

The Ecotip for December will be:

*Did you know that environmental topics are regularly discussed on our two local radios, Wycombe Sound and Marlow FM?*

**Wycombe Sound** - tune in to Planet Clare on Thursdays 8pm to 10pm on

<https://listen.wycombesound.org.uk> (or 106.6 FM)

or listen to the recording a few days later

at <https://listenagain.wycombesound.org.uk/index.php/shows/planet-clare/>

**Marlow FM** - tune in to The Eco Show on Mondays 7pm to 9pm

on <http://player.marlowfm.co.uk/> (97.5 FM)

or listen to the recording a few days later

at <http://www.marlowfm.co.uk/listenagain>

*If you know of someone willing to speak on the radio about the climate emergency or any environmental topic, please get in touch with the radio stations. Maybe you have a specialist eco topic yourself? Just dive in there...*

### 2. The Climate Emergency Campaign

A member enquired at Wycombe Hospital re waste. They hope to reduce plastic, plastic straws and waste, mainly through their canteens.

Climate Action Groups. It is hoped to launch this at our January social event. FOE have suggested and encouraged the idea but will not be badged as the leading organisation. Other groups and/or individuals will be welcome. The advantage would be that those who would like to be part of climate action but don't necessarily want to join FOE would be free to join. January 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 was the date set. People will be invited through Facebook, including the Wycombe for Climate Action Group.

### 3. Air quality

WDC adopted their local plan last year. The impending move towards a Bucks Unitary Authority has resulted in some urgency to get consulting groups under way. Two members attended an air quality group. Part of this involved a consultation on trees and tree canopy cover. (Policy no. DM34). Essentially, they hope to aim for 25% tree canopy allowed for in any new planning of 0.5 hectare or more. There was some discussion on how this could best be achieved as the document is rather complex and as a result of this discussion, a member will submit comments on behalf of WFOE by the closing date of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Suggestions included: trees should be British native trees, developers should have an incentive to go beyond 25% and the process should be simpler.

#### **4. Red Kite.**

A member met with Kara (Red Kite) who is responsible for sustainability in the organisation. They are suggesting having a green event in the Spring, inviting our co-ordinator to talk and WFoE to take part by having a stall. This would involve a financial contribution to them from WFoE for the stall.

#### **5. Wycombe Sound**

Two members have both spoken on environmental matters through Wycombe Sound. A member will also go on Mick Lewis' programme on Wycombe Sound next week.

**6. The next meeting** of Wycombe Friends of the Earth will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 7.30pm at The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ. Please note that this is the **third Wednesday in January** rather than the usual first Wednesday of the month.