

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 5th August 2020 at 7.30pm
online via Zoom

Present through Zoom: 12

Names in **bold** indicate action required by that person.

1. The climate emergency campaign

> In July the Bucks Authority debated the Climate Change motion. They agreed to maintain the 2050 target for zero emissions, rather than the proposed amendment of 2030. This was not unexpected, despite some councillors not being entirely happy with the original motion. The next council meeting of the Bucks Authority is in September.

> There will be a further meeting this month of the Bucks Climate Action Alliance (18 groups have now joined) to see how to maximise efficiency and effectiveness and decide on next steps.

> **All members**, as Individuals, are encouraged please to take part in the travel survey on cycle and walking provision in Wycombe:

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/integrated-transport/hw-lcwip-baseline/>

> There will be various community boards where local councillors have the opportunity to identify specific local needs, including carbon reduction, and they will have a budget to help implement such needs.

> **All members** are invited to contact their local councillors and local community boards to push for more robust climate change action before the September council meeting. The more contacts the better.

3. Finding Greta update

A member outlined the uncertainties, i.e.:

- The event on 17th October may or may not happen due to the virus.
- It cannot be guaranteed that there will be enough videos to run the event.

Therefore, it was decided that the hiring of the Art Centre for will be cancelled for the moment because of these uncertainties.

In the meantime, response to the invitation to produce videos will be monitored. It might pick up in September when the schools are back in earnest and teachers could potentially be invited to encourage their pupils.

4. Group AGM

The WFoE 2020 AGM will be part of our October monthly meeting.

5. AOB

> There was a discussion about potential activities which are more difficult in this covid world. The Wycombe Friends of the Earth Facebook page is active, which is positive and the FOE Green and Fair Recovery Plan campaign needs more promotion and work.

> The Bucks Free Press will be contacted about the Finding Greta Campaign and promoting action against Climate Change.

The next meeting of Wycombe Friends of the Earth will be on Wednesday 2nd September 2020, 7.30pm, online through Zoom probably.