

**Wycombe Friends of the Earth**  
**Minutes of Meeting on Wednesday 4th August 2021 at 7.30pm.**  
**Held as Zoom meeting**

Present: 10

Apologies: 7

### **1. Ecotip**

As suggested (see below). It is noted that the first repair shop for Wycombe is planned for 14th August at All Saints Church 10 am to 1 pm. This is not a permanent location though. A few repair volunteers have come forward. As well as Wycombe and Marlow, a repair site is also planned to be set up in Hazlemere on the 3rd Saturday.

*Toss it away? No way! A repair café is staffed by volunteers who know about mending things... We are hoping (fingers crossed!) to host the first repair café in High Wycombe on 14th August 2021, and then on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Marlow already has a repair café on the first Saturday of every month run by Transition Town Marlow. Take a look here: <https://transitionmarlow.org/home/repaircafe/>*

Please publicise where you can.

### **2. Accounts**

It is time to remind people of membership subs.

The use of Friends of Meeting House when so few are attending in person was questioned. This will be reviewed in time if members do not return to physical meetings.

### **3. Pann Mill, 12 September, 11:00 to 5:00**

The table is booked and it is assumed event will go ahead. 6 members offered to do a slot on the stall.

The treasurer suggested something on Food and Food Poverty. Feedback is publicising food waste. (Six trolley dashes. Wycombe event 13th August, Hazlemere event on 21st and Marlow event on 4th September)

It was suggested we get in touch with 'Prepared to Cook' who does cooking demonstrations with an emphasis on reducing food waste. The Treasurer will contact her to see if she would like to take part.

It was agreed that display boards should concentrate on climate change and COP26 with food and food wastage boards. Suggest one board on COP 26 with the others on food. Suggestions: food and food wastage, cooking on a budget, vegetarianism and meat free. Think about food poverty: low budgets tend to lead to increased processed food consumption. Lack of cooking facilities also affects what you eat See also FoE website for ideas.

A member will enquire of the Pann Mill organisers if we can include cooking demonstrations and sell food on our stand.

The coordinator will check if anything currently on the boards can be used again. Two members to do display boards when all above agreed.

#### **4. The Great Big Green Week, 18-26 September 2021.** Look here:

<https://greatbiggreenweek.com/information-for-organisers/>

After a lot of discussion it was decided that we could link up with the Chiltern Rangers for their Rake, Rattle and Grow action which needs to take place in September in any case. This is an action to sow Yellow Rattle in schools and other relevant locations in the area. A member may have a source of some seed to contribute.

#### **5. COP26.** Look here: <https://cop26coalition.org/resource/local-hub-assemblies/>

We should go for a Bucks wide group perhaps in somewhere like Aylesbury. Link up with XR? If we have some definite plans we can circulate to BCAA.

#### **6. Winning effective action in Buckinghamshire**

The BCAA group has certainly come up against all the excuses listed in this document (document on email ring). We hear that Oxford and Bucks councils' attitudes are very different.

#### **7. Bucks Council and Community Boards**

A member reported on sub-group Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye from last week. Highways and Traffic action group. A lot about parking, not so interesting. Keen to put climate change a central theme for this group, promoting cycling and walking. Councillor Johncock seems to be taking it seriously. Another meeting next month. No WE meeting this week. Every community board required to have an environment sub-group. Do other groups have to take climate change into account. A member will try and join Wycombe Local Infrastructure and Transport Working Group. A member will make introduction.

#### **8. Forthcoming Events**

Chiltern Conservation Board: Family Fun Day on Rye this Sunday 8th August.  
Trolley Dash 13th August.

#### **9. AOB**

Next meeting as blended meeting on Wednesday 1st September