

Wycombe Friends of the Earth - Agenda

For blended Zoom and in person meeting on
Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 7.30pm.

The agenda for the monthly meeting will be as follows:

1. Ecotip
2. Finance
3. Presentation by Trevor Snaith: Wycombe Food Hub - Tackling food waste and food insecurity (about 15 min, followed by Q&A)
4. Last minute arrangements for WFoE's event as part of the Global Day of Action for COP26 on Saturday 06 November.
Additional volunteers are still welcome.
5. Arrangements for WFoE's contribution to Amersham Town Council's Climate Change Action Day on Saturday 13 November from 10 am to 2 pm, setting up from 9 am.
This will be outdoors, but Ivan is kindly allowing us to borrow Population Matters HW's gazebo, and hot coffee/tea will be available from the church. Volunteers welcome.
6. Suggestion of a WFoE meet up at a café and/or WFoE walk. Because it would be a nice thing to do, and because it would be an ideal opportunity for new members and old hands to get to know one another (which is quite difficult on Zoom).
7. Discussion/consideration of the campaign ideas that arose at last month's meeting:
 - Wycombe to Marlow / Bourne End cycle route
 - Campaign for high energy efficiency standards for (social) housing in Buckinghamshire (retrofitting and new homes)
 - Campaign for zero food waste and to get all supermarkets to contribute to e.g. Wycombe Food Hub
 - That's the ticket! One bus ticket for all buses locally and elsewhere in Wycombe and Bucks
8. AOB

Suggested ecotip (other suggestions welcome by email or at the meeting)

Garden clear up

Don't be tempted to give your garden too much of a garden clear up this month. Leaves can be gathered in a pile for animals to shelter in and to rot down into a useful mulch. Many seed heads look attractive with a bit of frost on them and they will provide much needed seeds for the birds and shelter for insects. If you can put a small pile of logs and leaves at the back of your garden, with a small entrance hole, you might even attract a hedgehog for his winter sleep.

Christmas

As you start thinking of Christmas, try to reduce your carbon footprint by buying local produce for your Christmas dinner and consider how big a dinner you really need. When it comes to presents, try to reduce, or eliminate, the amount of plastic you buy for presents. Again, reducing what you buy, buying local, or making something yourself for someone will reduce the carbon footprint of your Christmas. Think about presents that do not require batteries or, if unavoidable, use rechargeables. Can you find creative ways of wrapping your presents rather than buying Christmas wrapping paper? (Oxfam sell recycled wrapping paper). Can you reduce your Christmas card list to those you won't actually be able to see in person? There are many Christmas cards now that are printed in the UK on recycled paper. Or you can make your own from old cards or your own design. It's a chance to be creative.