

Wycombe Friends of the Earth
Minutes of Meeting on Wednesday 6th October 2021 at 7.30pm.
Held as Zoom/in person blended meeting

Present on Zoom: 7

At the meeting house: 6

Apologies: 6

1. Ecotip will be:

Repair Café

A Repair Cafe, run by volunteers and organised by Wycombe Environment

(<https://climateactionnow.uk/groups/wycombe/>) now runs on the second Saturday of the month in High Wycombe.

*The next one will be on Saturday **9th October 10am-1pm**, in All Saints Parish Church in the centre of High Wycombe. Bring your broken household items that you cannot get done commercially (mechanical, electrical or textile) and you may be able to get them repaired.*

*There will be no charge (except if a new part is required), although any donations will be welcome. They will run on **every second Saturday of the month**, So the dates for the next 6 repair cafés to put on your calendars will be:*

Saturday 13th November

Saturday 11th December

Saturday 8th January

Saturday 12th February

Saturday 12th March

Repairing items saves you money because you don't have to buy new and, of course, not buying new reduces carbon emissions.

2. Accounts - in balance.

3. Annie Pickering (National FOE) gave a presentation to help WFOE determine next aims.

Annie suggested some areas that WFOE could focus on, i.e.

- Reducing carbon emissions from transport
- Reducing food waste
- Sustainable housing and insulation
- Local energy generation
- Biodiversity and bee friendly areas.

The attendees then discussed more specific **aims** on which to focus, which were:

Energy

High energy efficiency standards approval by Bucks Council for use for other Councils.

Bucks Council housing to be insulated, including Shelter accommodation.

All Council properties to have solar panels after WFOE campaigning.

Community Energy Co op started in HW.

Planning

WFOE to publish alternative local plans.

Food Waste

Every supermarket in HW to donate to Wycombe Food Hub

Wycombe Food waste collected by the Council to be halved since 2020

HW Food Hub to receive 1000 more visits than last year and not one piece of food to be wasted.

Biodiversity

Record number of community climate action groups take on the bee project in Bucks.

Transport

BJ opens Wycombe to Marlow cycle route (or Bourne End) - Richard

That's the ticket? One bus ticket for all buses locally and elsewhere in HW

Bucks Council declares '20's plenty' in all residential areas in the Council

Then a few of the above were chosen as the most achievable and worthwhile:

1. Boris Johnson to Wycombe to Marlow cycle route or Bourne End – *a member agreed to take on this to find out what Wycombe FoE can do to help this along for the next meeting*
2. High energy efficiency standards approval by Bucks and all parish councils, with thanks to Wycombe FoE and all council homes/social housing insulated – *2 members were interested in working on this.*
3. Every supermarket in High Wycombe to donate to Wycombe Food Hub. Wycombe Food Hub to receive 1000 more visits than last year with not one piece of food going to waste – *Trevor Snaith, who runs Wycombe Food Hub, is coming to the next Wycombe FoE meeting, so you can ask there how Wycombe FoE can help here.*
4. That's the ticket! One bus ticket for all buses locally and elsewhere in Wycombe and Bucks!

4. COP26. 6th November is the national day of action.

Ideas:

Steve suggested an on-street action in High Wycombe via an email to the group.

- What did the Council ought to be doing?
- I'm doing xx, this is what I want the government to do. People will be invited to tweet these contributions directly to Glasgow (#mybityourbit)
- Something very visible such as banners. We should have props from National FoE.

8. AOB - none.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd November 2021, possibly on Zoom or a blended meeting with Zoom and 'in person'. This will include a presentation about Wycombe Food Hub by Trevor Snaith.