

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes for Zoom meeting on Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: 14

Apologies: 3

1. Reflections on the loss of our WFoE Coordinator.

In light of the coordinator's sudden death just before Christmas, there were a few minutes of reflection. The coordinator has been involved with WFoE since 2013 and will be very much missed both personally and for his tireless efforts in moving forward a green agenda as coordinator of Wycombe Friends of the Earth, either jointly or solely, since 2014. His other environmental activities were very widespread locally, e.g. Wycombe Fair Trade, WFoE, Friends of the Wye, Chiltern Rangers, Wycombe Sound, Wycombe Environment, Repair Cafe, Refresh Store, Steve Baker Watch, Extinction Rebellion. He was always succinct and to the point and his ability to network ideas between the above organisations as well as turn ideas into action was very valuable. He was passionate about environmental issues and was well liked personally. We will all miss him greatly and it is with a sense of shock that we learnt of his death.

2. Ecotip will be:

- 50 tips to save money on your energy bills:

<https://friendsoftheearth.uk/climate/50-tips-save-money-your-energy-bills>

- If you're struggling to pay bills and pay for food, go to the Wycombe Food Hub in High Wycombe Town Centre (anyone can go) More information at: <https://wycombefoodhub.org/> or get a referral for the One Can Trust. More information at: <https://wycombefoodhub.org/>

3. Finance

- WFoE finance is the same as it was in November. I.e. finances ok,
- Wycombe Environment to get their accounts put through Wycombe Environment Centre books in the next few months.

4. Going forward.

- From the Handbook, most roles of Coordinator can be covered.
- A member will keep posting on the Twitter account. A member will change the mobile number which is on the account.
- Checking WfoE general emails and enquiries. A member offered to monitor this in the short term.
- A member has mentioned putting together a report on the coordinator for the Bucks Free Press. The meeting was supportive of this.
- Two members will make sure we have contact with National FOE about a change in WFoE personnel and what we need to do going forward.
- Campaigning on Warm Homes. A member will follow up current contacts for this campaign.
- A member will inform the wider WFoE group of the coordinator role and ask if any of the members would consider taking on the role, either solely, or jointly. There will be help and advice from National FOE. Hopefully, we can get this done by the February meeting. If no-one from the membership puts themselves forward by the February meeting, we can look further.

5. The next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Wednesday 1st February, 7.30pm.