

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes for Zoom meeting on Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: 11

Names in **bold** indicate action by those persons.

1. **Ecotip**

Do you have a crafty project coming up or are you a teacher?

Do you need resources?

If so, try **Wycombe's Refresh Store** in the Chiltern Shopping Centre, open on Saturdays only (currently) between 10am and 4pm. The store has masses of donated left over and recycled resources - fabric, paper, card, items for craft projects, all for a small donation.

More information at <https://www.refreshwycombe.org/>

- **A member** will put ecotip on Facebook.
- **A member** already puts it on the front page of the website.
- **A member** will attempt a slot in BFP,
- **A member** to contact Maddy re: a mention on Wycombe Sound.

2. **Finance**

£614.19 in the bank.

- **The treasurer** will raise invoice to Bucks Council on behalf of Wycombe Environment for funding which will then be paid to WEC. and then involvement in WE finances will end.
- Currently few expenses.

3. **Benefits and aspirations of Wycombe FoE membership**

- The attendees each talked for a minute about their particular interests within the group. Areas of declared interest - stalls, active travel, food waste, contacting MP and Council, raising awareness, wildlife and biodiversity, climate crisis generally, feeding into national campaigns, networking,
- Some complementary skills amongst the group.
- Ask new people what they are interested in, early on, to involve them more and follow up and keep in contact better.
- Getting speakers tends to attract people.

4. **Treasurer Role**

The treasurer will finalise matters with Wycombe Environment and then hand over the treasurer role to the new treasurer by end March.

5. Partnership agreement update.

This has been acknowledged, signed and returned satisfactorily. Therefore, we are covered by insurance and can use the Friends of the Earth name.

6. Pann Mill

- **A member** to book and the focus for the stall will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **A member** to inform the group about what is currently on the board, for discussion in April.
- We have had an invitation from Amersham to run a stall at their event on 10th June. Focus - repair, reuse, recycle. Wycombe and Chinnor and Thame are the only FOE groups for some miles around so we can act beyond Wycombe.
- **The coordinator** will contact Amersham Town Council and ask for the deadline for a decision and costs, and will there be a gazebo or do we provide our own?

7. 24th March Divest Day <https://www.divest.org.uk/ways-to-divest/>

- This tries to get people to contact their local council to divest from fossil fuels.
- An opportunity for **all members** to think about their own banking and consider if their banks are ethical.
- **The coordinator** will put out an email about this on the google group for comments.

8. Bucks County Council Climate and Environment Work

- **A member** replied to an email invitation to say that we would definitely like to be added to their environmental groups database and we will be in touch about perhaps inviting her to a meeting.
- **The coordinator** will respond to her further.

9. Climate and Ecology Private Members Bill.

Bill going through parliament currently. The bill addresses climate change, net zero and diversity.

- **A member** will find out more and post on the google group.
- **All Members** to look out for this in case there is a response necessary.

10. AOB

The previous coordinator's funeral is tomorrow. Several members are attending.

11. The next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, April 5th, 2023, 7.30pm.