

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes for Zoom meeting on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: 7

Apologies: 2

1. **Ecotip for April**, will be:

Reduce your food miles.

As seasonal produce is now coming in, you can reduce your food miles by shopping British or shopping locally, thereby also supporting our national and local farmers. Some local farm shops:

Lacey's Family Farm Shop, Bolter End Farm, Finings Rd, Lane End, High Wycombe HP14 3LP

Peterley Manor Farm Shop, Peterley Ln, Prestwood, Great Missenden HP16 0HH

N&P Fruits, by Hildreth's Garden Centre, Prestwood, HP16 0HJ

Emmetts Farm, Church Rd, Little Marlow, Marlow SL7 3RP

Marlow Green, 18b Spittal Street, Marlow, SL7 1DB

The Fruit Market, 50 The Parade, Wooburn Green, Bourne End SL8 5SS.

Also check out: <http://www.wycombefoe.org.uk/where-to-buy-eco-products>

2. **Finance**

- £624 in the bank.
- **All members** are requested to pay membership fees for April 2023 - April 2024.

3. **Bucks County Council Climate and Environment Work - update**

A member will chase the contact he has about this topic. We are on the list of organisations who will receive communications. Incoming emails will be monitored.

4. **Climate and Ecology Bill - update**

- Ecology Bill - a member still has no detailed reply from Rob Butler re his support. She has messaged him twice and received formal acknowledgements only, in both instances.
- A member says that the Bill received its First Reading in the Commons on 24th April. This is a formality and does not require a debate. The second reading will be in November this year when MPs will debate the Bill.

5. **Consultations**

- Consultation on Local Plans and Transport plans are running currently.
- Current Bucks Council consultations are at [Find Activities - Your Voice Bucks](#)
- The important consultation at present is "Have your say on the vision and objectives for development and transport in Buckinghamshire"

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/planning/vision-and-objectives/>

Closes on **Sunday 4th June** (i.e. before our next meeting). Our social event planned for 31st May when we can exchange views on this consultation before the closing date.

- A member will look to see if we could respond as a group or individually to consultations.

5. Ecotip in BFP - A member has rung and emailed twice with no result. The member to pursue.

6. Stalls

1. Pann Mill. Sun. 14th May. Rota set up, display board agreed. The member to produce display board.

2. Amersham Stall, Sat. 10th June. A member has contacted a lady on the town council. We are welcome to have a table and gazebo but will have to bring our own, 10am-3pm, set-up 9.30am. A member to make up rota. Perhaps split the 10am-3pm time into two chunks?

2. Marlow Carnival, Sat. 16 Sept in Higginson Park with a green corner.

A member has been in contact. No charge for table but would need to bring own table and gazebo. Quite a fun event and a receptive audience. There is an eco corner amongst many stalls. WFoE will try and do this. A member to confirm.

3. Marlow Bee Festival, Higginson Park, Sat. 15th July.

We decided we couldn't do this. Maybe go as individuals to see what it is like.

4. Downley Day, 17th June. 1-5pm. A lot going on. A decision needed by Sat 27th May. A member will contact them to ask if we can provisionally book and confirm if we get a full rota.

- A member to promote these on the Facebook Page?

6. Air Quality

- The Community Board has monitors for schools. There is a shortlist of about 5 schools and one school will be chosen and the monitor will stay in position for about a year. Bucks Council has taken a long time to get this up and running. Several monitors in Wycombe already. Members could join a zoom meeting on the 15th May, 6.30pm

- A member referred to the national air quality monitoring map. There is a Bucks version: <https://buckscouncil.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c70a9f5c09fb42fd8998d87018c76802>

- Monitoring data was given in a recent report to the Council's Transport, Environment & Climate Change Select Committee:

<https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=58695>

7. Any Other Business

Social - it was decided that we could meet physically on Wed. May, 7.30pm at Belle Vue pub in Gordon Road (easy parking). It will be a social where we could also discuss some agenda items (eg Local Plan Consultation which closes on 4th June).

A member to send out an email about it.

8. The next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, June 7th, 2023, 7.30pm.