

## Wycombe Friends of the Earth

### Minutes of WFoE meeting on Wednesday 4th October 2023 7.30pm at The Friends Meeting House, 25, London Road, High Wycombe HP11 1BJ,

Present at the meeting house: 5

Present on Zoom: 4

#### 1. Ecotip

Pumpkins. 10 million pumpkins are grown a year in the UK. What percentage are hollowed out for lanterns? Answer 95%! If you buy one, don't waste it, use the pulp for soup or even make beer with it.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/pumpkin-soup> or for other recipes: <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/pumpkin-recipes>

#### 2. Finance

Bank account is in credit after memberships received and room hire expenditure.

#### 3. Consultations

**Active Travel.** A member reported that the Bucks Council meeting scheduled for this month for approval has been postponed until December.

He also informed the group that below is a report to Bucks Council's TECC (Transport, Environment & Climate Change) select committee on the results of the consultation on LTP5 (Local Transport Plan). It includes proposed improvements to the objectives prompted by the comments received. Most responses were from South Bucks.

<https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s65010/LTP5%20TECC%20report.pdf>

#### 4. Campaigns

a. Warmer Homes. An FOE contact will contact the Council from the point of view of health. The coordinator will follow up with Local FOE coordinators on information about this, hopefully by the next meeting.

#### 5. Petitions

None relevant at present.

#### 6. Social media

WFoE Facebook has 258 followers, Twitter 104. Latter has potential for growth. The coordinator will email the photo from Marlow Carnival to the social media secretary for the Facebook page.

## **7. Membership and fees updates list**

Two new members.

15 members have paid since April 2023.

## **8. Letter templates**

- A template will be on google docs, owned by the coordinator. When a template has been devised, members can ask for access as viewer or editor. The coordinator to test this.
- Contacting local councillors that are sympathetic to green issues is beneficial.

## **9. Online location where shareable and important files could be kept.**

A member will send 2023 minutes folder to another member to test if he can access them satisfactorily.

**10. Stalls** - not many people stopped at our Marlow Carnival stall. Our stall is very informative but perhaps we need an attraction to draw people to the stall. Solar powered train, vegan cooking, jigsaw puzzle - any other ideas?

**11. Air Quality** - some monitors are being installed around town and near schools, e.g. in Sands. One school in each Community Board area. Wycombe Environment is writing to some schools to gauge interest in improving air quality around schools, e.g. raising awareness of the detriment of engine idling.

**12. Christmas social** - December meeting could be an in-person meeting with (vegan) mince pies. Attendees to bring a small Christmas related, vegetarian contribution, if possible, to share. A member to book the small room and the kitchen for December 6th. A member to inform the group to keep the date free.

## **13. AOB**

- The organisers of the Energy Efficiency Event in Marlow on Saturday 18th November have asked if WFoE would like to support the event. This was agreed. The coordinator to confirm with the event organisers.

**14.** The next meeting will be on 1st November on Zoom.