

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 6th August at 7.30pm via Zoom

Present: 7

Apologies: 3

1. Finance

We have a balance of £1084 but the last room meeting is yet to go out. (£15)
Subscriptions have been received from 23 members.

2. Ecotip

Will be the same as last month (water usage) with local hosepipe ban information added.
In addition, Refresh and Pride of Place activities in August will be added.

3. Social media

- A member asks all members to try to add some items, please. Any member of the Wycombe Friends of the Earth FB page can enter something - Wycombe Environment events, for example.
- Details about Pann Mill in September and the Community Allotment visit in August will be posted and the Pann Mill event will be added to the Mycellium Map.
- The easiest way to post is to share a post from another page e.g. from WE/Community Allotment. Click on share button and on the drop down menu there will be an option to share to a group. WFoE should come up if you are a member of it and it will be shared to our page.

WFoE Facebook Posts over the last months:

| Posts | Comments | Reactions | Most Viewed | Least Viewed |
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| Feb 49 | 12 | 68 | Relaunch of Community & Climate Cafe (L) Wycombe Environment list of local events | Greenpeace petition to stop Deep Sea Mining before it starts. (GI) |

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| March 40 | 13 | 70 | Lindengate Charity and Poplar Trees (L) Refresh Store Sewing Course (L) | What areas do you want to protect in Hazlemere (and High Wycombe) (L) Grow a Butterfly Garden BBWT - free ecology walks. |
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| April 55 | 10 | 106 | Leather Lane Bat Conservation Walk (L) WFOE May Meeting (L) | FoE Debunking Myths and Revealing Top Facts about Renewables. (GL) |
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| May 67 | 4 | 96 | Active Travel - Carbon Copy (GL) | Wildfire Warnings - Peak District (Guardian article) (GL) |
| June 42 | 6 | 51 | One Climate Meeting - Heat Pumps (L) | Blackbirds in decline - join survey by British Ornithological Society (GL) |

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| July 51 | 5 | 61 | Open Day Eco Homes in Risborough - Bucks Community Energy (L) | Treasury Blocks School Solar Power Deals (GL) |
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4. Other Events coming up (thank you, Liz)

- **14th August - Wendover People , Planet, Pint Meet up at 7pm.**
- **22nd August 10-12.30, Chinnor FoE Fun with Nature and Produce Swap** on (Free Event supported by Chinnor Parish Council)
- **28th August Community and Climate Cafe** visit to The Community allotment. 6.30pm start.
- **18th September at 7pm in Wesley Methodist Church, Oxford** - Climate Matters: Making Politics Work. Conversation between Lord Deben, Dr Peter Sudbury and Roz Savage MP . Organized by MP Watch Witney. By Donation.
- **26th September at Univ of Bedfordshire 8am -5pm** - International Conference on Human Rights, Sustainability and Climate Change. general admission price is £11.55

- **27th September Climate Fresk at Refresh in Chillterns Shopping Centre, Wycombe, 10.00-13.00.** By donation.
- **11th October - Community Climate Action Workshop Wendover and Villages** (organized by Community Climate Action UK). 10 am - 3pm. Free.
- **Wildlife and Conservation Programme for 14-18 year olds on the River Thame catchment Oxon and Bucks. Commit to one Saturday per month over the coming year.** Applications must be in by 25th August.

5. WfoE stall at Repair cafe 13/9 Pann Mill 14/9

- It was decided to try to man stalls at both events.
 - A member will man stall at Repair Cafe but will welcome help 10am-1pm.
 - A member to book and organise Pann Mill Stall, 11am-5pm. **Offers of help requested.**
- Activities to include some or all of: solar powered car, miniature gardens, Alison's puzzle, butterflies and wavy sticks.

6. Speaker event

- A member has sent the invitation to Hannah Richie to speak, at a date to suit her between October and February but no reply yet.
- Hannah's book - 'Not the End of the World' by Hannah Richie makes good and optimistic reading (overly optimistic?). Another one out September 18th - 'Clearing the Air' by Hannah Richie.
- The venue for the speaker event will probably be Trinity United Reform Church, opposite Pann Mill. A member to co-ordinate but we will wait for Hannah's reply. If and when she agrees to a date, organisation of other potential stalls, attendees, publicity can begin.

7. Meeting your MP - Emma Reynolds

- No second meeting has been arranged yet. Letter needs to be sent now for a meeting after October as Emma is getting booked up to Christmas.
- A member to contact her.
- Guidelines for meeting your MP can be found at [Guide to meeting with your MP | Local action](#)

8. Bucks Council and glyphosate

- Many Councils are working towards eliminating glyphosate. It is a herbicide which has detrimental effects to health and environment and could also harm the users.
- A member has asked Bucks Council about their use of glyphosate and had a reply. He will delve further and circulate a summary of their response and other relevant information to the WFoE Google group.
- Marlow is trying harder to eliminate its use than Bucks Council.
- A member to ask Red Kite if they use glyphosate around their housing and land.

- **All members** are requested to write to Bucks Council or their local parish council to raise the question about the level of glyphosate used. A member will circulate some suggestions for questions.
- High Wycombe doesn't have a Town Council but has a Town Committee and Ed Gemmel is chair. A member to contact the Town Committee to raise the concern.

9. **Pride of Place**

- Refresh website has the activities at the *Pride of Place* section. See: <https://www.refreshwycombe.org/pride-of-place>
- Speaker event could be advertised through Pride of Place.

10. **WEP/WEC activities**

Bulb planting around Disraeli area has been arranged for the weekend of October 12/13th. Any help welcome. More details nearer the time.

11. **AOB**

- Dora Hargital's project - Local Net Zero Accelerator Programme (LNZA) is a pioneering initiative designed to support local authorities in achieving net zero.

www.gsenetzerohub.org.uk

A member to ask Dora if she would speak at the beginning of our September meeting. More information at:

https://www.gsenetzerohub.org.uk/local-net-zero-accelerator/?fbclid=IwY2xjawL6m9lleHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHuaL3rHTtc533u5g0zjEjAK2aWIWEDZukiBXWa7IMkhHxANi12-7jxZVbfiE_aem_R1DZl3cFeGfOJh6-MyU7Nw

- **Dan Glasheen , Hazelmere Climate Action** is trying to get local residents together to begin to learn how to change their style of "traditional" gardening to one that benefits pollinators, soil etc. Focus upon a collaborative effort to "make a difference". A member has contacted him for more information.

- A regular member of Climate Cafe promotes Bio Regioning. Lives in Amersham but acts in a wider area including HW. If Dora cannot talk at our September meeting, a member will ask him instead.

- A member is happy to do a short talk about the Community Allotment at some point.

12. **Next Meeting**

will be an in person meeting on Wednesday 3rd September at 7.30 pm. at the Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ. Room to be booked.