

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Zoom Meeting held Wednesday 1st October at 7.30pm

Present: 7

Apologies: 5

1. Finance

- £1,040 in the bank.
- £10 paid for the Pann Mill stall.

2. Ecotip

There are great Pride of Place activities In High Wycombe throughout October. Free or minimal cost, donations welcome. <https://www.refreshwycombe.org/pride-of-place>

1st-7th October is National Vegetarian Week. It is the perfect reason to give vegetarian food a go and whether it's going veggie all week or just for one meal – you'll still be making a big difference because small swaps here and there can have a real and positive impact on people, animals and the planet. For more info see:

[National Vegetarian Week 2025](#)

and for delicious recipes:

[National Vegetarian Week](#)

3. Social media

Posts 81	Most viewed	Least views	Members Activity
Reactions 108	Chiltern Rangers Wildflower Sale (local)	Carbon Brief.org study linking oil and gas firms to more intense heatwaves (GL)	79 posts
Comments 10			Visitors 2 posts

4. Events coming up

- 29th September. Past event by Parents for Future but interesting initiative. Parent Climate Circles launched on 29th Sept. online and limited to 12 people. Aim - to build connection and resilience together. Led by peer facilitators.
- October - bulb planting organized by Marsh and Micklefield Big Local. Dates to be announced on 1st Oct.

- Wed 8th Oct, Fairtrade stalls @ Sunnybank Methodist Church, Moor Lane, Downley. 2-4pm
- Sat 11th October 10 am - 3pm Weston Turville Village Hall - An interactive and free participatory workshop to write your community climate action plan (org by Community Climate Action UK)
- Thursday October 16th - film. 6.30pm The One Climate Centre in Hedgerley Wood, between B Ridge and Chinnor. A River Sings -the River Evenlode near Oxford, heavily polluted, local activists restored it.

Sat 18th Oct. 10am -1pm, Wild flower sale - Chiltern Rangers - Fennels Road Depot. HP11 1SL.

- 11/12th October Bulb Planting by Wycombe Environment Projects in the Disraeli area of High Wycombe. Sat 11th October. 1pm - 3pm. Sunday 12th October 10am - midday. Volunteers to help plant 4,000 bulbs on the grass verges would be very welcome. Meet on the grassy corner at the junction of The Pastures and Hughenden Avenue.

- Sunday 19th Oct. 10 am - 12.05. Talk on Fusion Power @Bletchley Museum of Computing on Tickets £16.96 per adult and £14.25 concessions.

- Thursday 23 Oct. @ 7.30 pm in Chinnor Village Hall. Chinnor FoE Film, talk and discussion : Plastic Pollution Problems and Solutions.

- Sat 15th Nov. Friends of the Earth Cop Day of Action - 3 key demands and highlighting the demands of FoE Palestine PENGON

<https://groups.friendsoftheearth.uk/resources/how-take-action-cop-30>

- Wed 28th Nov. @ 19.00. Wendover People, Planet, Pint.

- Guildford but interesting - BeNature: Ecocentric Leadership in Schools – A Hands-On Workshop Tue 4 Nov 2025 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Free

Zero Carbon Guildford, GU1 3EG

4. WfoE stall at Repair cafe 13/9 and Pann Mill 14/9 - Feedback

- Little footfall at the Repair Cafe but there were some good conversations with repairers etc.
- Pann Mill raised more conversations generally although it was rained off at 3pm.
- A member suggested that a card instead of a flyer would be beneficial, perhaps with bullet points and a QR code linking to the website.
- A member offered to set up a QR code (to the website) for a card when more decisions have been made. Parts of the website might need a review, eg plastics - see item 10.
- Morwenna suggested we spend our resources in getting a student to do some work on the website. It would look good on their CV.
- A member offered to try and contact Bucks New Uni.
- A member also has a contact at Bucks New Uni and will try and contact them.
- A member suggested linking the Facebook activities with the website so that the website reflects what the group is doing.
- A member will look at the website and potentially make suggestions.

5. Food Hub roof allotment

- No more info from. A member has nudged the contact again.
- A member could also make contact but will contact Ivan about this first.

6. Speaker event - any update?

- Hannah Richie said she wasn't available although it would be worth contacting her again next year.
- There is a sub meeting tomorrow to discuss this. Date for event - perhaps Feb/Mar 2026 with several potential speakers to approach.
- A member suggested linking up with another organisation like the National Trust (Hughenden chalk stream).

7. Meeting MP

- A member hasn't managed to contact Emma Reynolds.
- Another member will contact her to try and organise another meeting. There is a 3 month 'waiting time' for a meeting with her.

8. Bucks Council and glyphosate

- Bucks Council Highways try not to use it but do use it for health and safety reasons, e.g. between slabs.
- Red Kite does use glyphosate on their land.
- Use of glyphosate in GB is authorised until December 2026 when another decision will be made.
- A member will contact the National Trust to find out more about their use of weed killers.
- A member will try to find out more about pros and cons of non-glyphosate use from Marlow Council to potentially propose to Red Kite.
- A member will investigate the use of vinegar.

9. Pride of Place and WEP/WEC activities

- See ecotip for Pride of Place activities.
- Bulb planting - 11/12th October - Bulb Planting by Wycombe Environment Projects in the Disraeli area of High Wycombe. Sat 11th October. 1pm - 3pm. Sunday 12th October 10am - midday. Volunteers to help plant 4,000 bulbs on the grass verges would be very welcome. Meet on the grassy corner at the junction of The Pastures and Hughenden Avenue.
- Next Repair Cafe will be on Saturday 11th October 10am-1pm in High Wycombe Parish Church.
- Refresh Store with donated surplus goods in Chilterns Shopping Centre open 6 days a week. Items free to take, donations welcome. See <https://www.refreshwycombe.org/>

10. Plastics information on WFoE website.

- Points about what organisations said they would do to reduce their use of plastics need to be checked on the website to see if they have actually been done.
- Work to be done on the website needs to be shared between members.

11. AOB

- Save Energy wishes to talk to us again. A member will contact them to see what they would aim to present and whether it's about future investment again or what they have managed to get done so far.
- A member will follow up with someone to talk about LNZA (Local Net Zero Accelerator) who couldn't do so at this meeting but might be able to at the start of another meeting.

13. Next Meeting

- **This will be a Zoom meeting** on Wednesday 5th November at 7.30 pm.