

**Wycombe Friends of the Earth**  
**Minutes of Monthly Meeting in person on Wednesday 3rd December 2025, 7.30pm**  
**at The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, HP11 1BJ**

**Present:** 10 **Apologies:** 2

Four new people attended, one concerned about the sale of Deangarden Wood. We discussed this a little. A couple of ideas were to involve the Woodland Trust. (example of Penn Wood). Or fundraise to purchase it. However as it is due to be sold in the next few weeks, it all seems a little late. Three came to find out a little of what we are about. They had no time to stay however and we promised to send them an invitation to the next Zoom session.

**1. Finance:** £1025 available, after paying for tonight's room hire. We note that requested payments to the Quaker Meeting House for room hire have not gone through in the past.

**2. Ecotip:** - We agree to accept the suggestions on Christmas purchasing ( the same as last month without the November events)

- Use the Refresh Store in the Chilterns to purchase items for Christmas craft or card making. <https://www.refreshwycombe.org>
- Check out these 21 eco-friendly Christmas tips  
<https://friendsoftheearth.uk/about/21-ecofriendly-christmas-tips>

**3. Social media:** Increase of 40 followers in the year. A member posts things regularly. Most people are interested in local events.

**4. Events:**

- WFoE 20th Anniversary 2026: Info only at the moment, would like to mark it in some way. A member has written a history for the event and another member would like to make a presentation on it and searched around for additional info. They are working on this with additional input from early members. A member will follow up on 1980s membership of FoE in Wycombe.
- Library stall on 4th Dec.: Three members to join the coffee morning with a stall on behalf of WFoE from 10 am to 12 mid-day.
- Speaker event - the planning group is now meeting every month with the next meeting on Monday. Matt Winning, a stand- up comedian focusing on climate change, has been invited. Probable date is June. We need to fill it out with stalls. A campaign group will be formed to last for a year, with plans to be finalised, but the subjects will be plastics and food. It is felt that the two topics fit well together as there is so much plastic used in food sales. A structure for the food side is still to be decided. It was commented that

Waitrose are still doing studies on using seaweed for packaging. Our aim could be to find three companies to target to change packaging strategy. Research on alternatives is ongoing.

We note that one of the visitors tonight works in a cafe in High Wycombe. Perhaps he might like to be involved. We were reminded that nano-plastics now pose a serious threat to health as well as the environment.

- **Save Energy Talk** - this will be presented on 7th January at the beginning of our Zoom meeting.
- **Steve Morton remembrance walk** - Sunday, 1st Feb, meeting at Pann Mill (check?) Liz promoting. Who is organising? Three members to liaise. We need to introduce any new people and help them to feel welcome.

#### 5. A.O.B:

- **Power Station Film.** This is an entertaining film, a true story of a community who work together to install solar panels along their street. The Community & Climate Cafe wish to do a screening of this film and it has been suggested that we might like to make it a joint undertaking. Members present were generally in favour. The hire price varies. If we show for free, then it costs £180 to screen, but it is believed we could ask for donations. If we charge entrance then it costs £360. 30-ish people at the Patch. Other venues accommodate more. Maybe other organisations would be interested? WEC perhaps? Possible charge around £10. 40 - 50 people coming would cover this cost.
- **Film, Common Ground** - available on i-player free to view this week. A member offered to send out details.
- **National FoE:** There is a current Campaign for Climate action for local elections, which may not be relevant to us. Use local data to power local campaigns. A member will send details.
- **Planet over Profit** community film screening, organised by Friends of the Earth on 29th January. See online for details.

#### 7. Festive Fare and frivolity:

The meeting ends with festive fare and engaged conversation.