

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Zoom Meeting held Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: 9

Apologies: 2

Names in bold indicate action agreed by that person.

1. Finance

- £1370 in the bank.
- Treasurer has received 11 membership fees and £150 towards the Matt Winning event.

2. Ecotip will be:

• Play with clothes

Mending is trending this summer! Before you head to the shops for your next summer look, think about the planet.

Try these eco-friendly fashion tips:

- > Patch and embellish old clothes to give them a new lease of life.
- > Donate unloved and buy preloved - one person's rubbish is another's treasure!
- > Buy clothes made with healthy people and a healthy planet in mind - Fairtrade, organic cotton, bamboo, natural dyes.

- Ivan will put Refresh and Repair Cafe on the WFoE website front page as permanent ecotips.

3. Social media - thank you, Liz.

Matt Winning event has had a lot of views.

The social media stats can be found here:

<https://docs.zoom.us/doc/xs03rFkmSuOB84NOKUWaJg>

4. Pann Mill, Sun 10 May

- There was some discussion about the leaflet and display board captions.
- A member to amend as appropriate and make up display board.
- The rota is arranged.
- PFAs are thought to be responsible for cancers in the young, e.g. they're in ultra processed food through the plastic containers, clothes dryers emit plastic particles.
- A member to print 50 plastics leaflets .
- A member said that The Hatchery is another refill store between Amersham and Beaconsfield. Watlington also has a refill store. Few in or close to High Wycombe.

5. Matt Winning Comedy Event - Friday 5th June

- Trevor Snaith is attending.
- Two members are posting soon on Facebook pages.
- Need **all members** to distribute leaflets and keep posting on social media sites over the next few weeks so that it reminds people to get a ticket.
- The Treasurer has received money from 12 tickets so far and some stalls. A member said that 8 tickets have been sold through Eventbrite so far.
- A member has shared the information to many groups through Facebook.
- On Saturday 16th May from 10.30am, 3 members will be giving out leaflets in HW Eden Centre. If anyone else would join him, they would be welcome.
- The event will be promoted on Wycombe Sound.
- Great work by the planning group.

6. WFoE 20th anniversary Nov 2026

- A member is in contact with Ester, National Friends of the Earth, to see if she and the CEO, Assad could attend. No reply yet.
- A member will ask Emma Reynolds secretary if EM can attend on any dates in Oct or Nov.
- Also invite WEC because WFoE in its current form was formed as a result of a meeting arranged by WEC who invited FOE for a talk.

7. Updates

- Glyphosate - A member to remind Frank, Marlow Council, for a reply.
- National Emergency Briefing film - 4 members will be attending the film shown in Marlow. A member will take Matt Winning leaflets. A member will give feedback. It outlined the problems but also provided hope. A screening in Hitchin sold out and they are organising a second screening. The film has been shown quite widely locally so we probably don't need to show it in the next few months, if at all. Maidenhead and Windsor Climate cafe will host a discussion about the film.

8. Air Quality

- A member's interest stems from last year's Pann Mill when he learned that WFoE had previously campaigned on the issue.
- He will pursue this when he has time and report back if he discovers anything.
- He is concerned that the council is pulling back on AQ monitoring.

9. AOB

- Marlow Green Village in September - we probably don't have the capacity to do this.
- Tour of High Heavens. 5 people are interested. A member to arrange for 9th June at 10-11am.

10. Next Meeting

This will be a **Zoom meeting on Wednesday 3rd June**. The AGM will be an in person meeting on 1st July at The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe.