

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of meeting on Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 7.30pm at The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe. HP11 1BJ

Present: 9

Apologies: 3

1. **Finance** - including membership subs
14 have paid membership. £850 in the bank.

2. Ecotip will be:

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3. **Social media**

Liz provided figures:

40 posts, 11 comments and 60 reactions.

Milestone of 300 followers which Ivan recognised via a post on the page.

Most viewed - Pann Mill Open Day.

Least viewed - The Great Big Nature Survey (Wildlife Trust)

Local posts outweigh 'global' posts. Will try to focus more on local.

There was discussion about the practice of commenting on environmental articles to educate and engage the public which generates followers.

It was thought that 10 miles around Wycombe would constitute local. Local v Global - depends on material coming up.

Material comes from FOE and other groups plus other information picked up.

4. **Events**

September 8th - Pann Mill and Wycombe celebrates (concurrent event)

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/campaign/wycombe-celebrates/>

5. **Stalls organisation** Pann Mill final arrangements

The rota has the bare minimum of helpers but organised and 11am-5pm is covered on the stall. The display board has been updated.

6. **Meeting with Emma Reynolds** - 12 October - support for Climate Action

Three members are arranging a meeting with Emma Reynolds, hopefully on 12th

October or fairly soon after. The topics they propose to cover are: Climate Change, warmer homes, pollution and water quality in rivers, and air quality. Arrangements are ongoing

7. **Coordinate with other groups**

Two members will look out for opportunities, eg doing stalls with other groups etc. On the website, there is a list of eco environment organisations in the area.

8. **Gomms Valley Development**

Still no decision. The Appeals Casework Portal indicates that the case is still open. The 'Hands off Gomms Valley' have not heard anything either.

9. **Mycelium Map**

A member wrote to the organisers to say WFoE was interested. They replied saying that we would need:

1. a person who will be responsible for administration and setting up WFoE onto the map and
2. a person to decide what content we want to portray.

10. **AOB**

> A member suggested that WFoE officially supports the Windy Way Project. This was agreed in principle. The member hopes that supporting groups, like WFoE, would have input into the ongoing process. He will be the link contact and will set out something in writing outlining the project for WFoE members to look at before further endorsement and he will present it at the next WFoE meeting that he can attend.

> A member raised the question of **discarded gas canisters** that litter many areas. They are banned but they are still around in some numbers. Should they have a deposit on them? They can be taken to High Heavens tip for disposal. The deposit scheme on bottles seems to have disappeared off the government's agenda.

10. The next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Wednesday 2nd October. The next in-person meeting will be on 4th December.