

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Zoom meeting on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: 8

Apologies: 2

Names in **bold** indicate action by those persons.

1. **Finance**

No significant change.

2. **Ecotip**

<https://www.recyclenow.com/how-to-recycle/be-a-recycling-hero-this-christmas>

Recycle now is encouraging the recycling of five commonly binned items:

- perfume/aftershave bottles
- aerosols
- toilet roll tubes
- plastic trigger spray bottles
- yoghurt pots

So please recycle everything you can, but go one much better and don't buy so much in the first place.

3. **Social media**

●

19 posts, 5 comments and 31 reactions.

Most viewed - January walk.

Least viewed - ecotips for Christmas from National FOE website.

- 2 members had a conversation about the content of the Facebook page.
- 2 members will look at National FOE for a mission statement and aims and objectives for social media. National FOE has a beginner's guide to social media here: [A beginner's guide to social media | Local action](#)
- 2 members will work together on this and will come back to the next meeting with their suggestions so that Liz is provided with more guidance.
- A member made the point that the WFoE Facebook Page has improved vastly in content and action since Liz took over the page.
- We welcome another member's input for improving the page further.

4. **Events coming up**

- Steve Morton Memorial walk. Meet at 1pm, at the Hughenden Park children's playground on Coates Lane on Sunday 12th January. It will involve a 1-1.5m walk with a cuppa at the manor. **Members** to publicise this event please.
- 7.00pm Thursday 9th January - Community and Climate Cafe meeting about how best to take it forward/fundraising. It joins up environmental organisations for support. Often it involves a 20 minute talk and then a discussion. Location: One Climate Centre, Hedgerley Wood House, Red Lane, Chinnor, OX39 4BW.

5. **Meeting with Emma Reynolds re CAN Bill**

- Friday 17th January. A room is booked in the library in High Wycombe for a meeting with Emma Reynolds, 2-3.30pm. £20 per hour + £12 for the use of a screen.
- 4 members will attend.

The topics they aim to talk about with Emma Reynolds are

1. ask government for strong leadership on environment and Climate Change
2. Air quality
3. warmer homes
4. Active travel

with a view to meeting with her every 6 months or so to see how things are going and to support her and the government in order to encourage the public to reduce their carbon footprint.

- They will request that she supports the CAN bill and there may be something she asks WFoE to do to support her in this.

6. **CAN Bill.**

- Approximately 192 MPs are supporting it (not Emma Reynolds currently). The vote is on 24th January.
- It has been suggested that some MPs believe the CAN bill might dilute other environmental legislation.

7. **Windy Way Project**

- The WW member has been waiting for WFoE to say that they support the initiative in principle. He wishes then to get other groups involved and for the interested groups to meet and decide on next steps.
- A member will forward the information that Damon provided.
- **All Members** to look at this information and comment upon it.
- A member said that it is difficult to move forward substantially because it depends on community involvement and decisions, and he needs community groups to express support. WFoE does support the project in principle subject to the answers to a couple of questions.

8. **Gomm Valley Development**

A member provided this link for interested members to view.

Hands off Gomm Valley - HOG - Facebook

Hands off Gomm Valley - HOG. 518 likes. Campaign to protect the beautiful Gomm Valley from Developers

www.facebook.com

<https://www.facebook.com/HandsOffGommValley>

9. **Mycelium Map**

- A member hasn't been able to add Chiltern Rangers and The Chiltern Society to our list of connecting organisations. The leaders of the mycelium map need to do this but this has been problematic for various reasons.
- The member will send a message to MM asking for updates.

10. **WEP/WEC activities**

- Repair Cafe 11th Jan, 10pm-1pm, in All Saints Church in the centre of HW.
- Refresh Store open, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:00 - 16:00, Fridays and Saturdays 10:00 - 16:00, Sundays 12:00 - 16:00. Closed on Mondays.
- Wycombe Community Board funding to raise awareness about Climate Change and environmental matters.

11. **Film Screening**

- A member provided the following information:
One Climate @ Hedgerley Woods would be prepared to host a screening for us. They have capacity for 35-40 seating and can run it twice if viewing is oversubscribed.
Not much interest from Bucks NU. Will have to present in person and plead our case - wider age variation etc. ROC films waiting to hear about our progress.
- A member will enquire about Wycombe Arts Centre for a venue.
- A member might suggest this for the Climate Cafe meeting tomorrow and report back.

12 **AOB**

- I was questioned whether we should still be using X. Blue Sky is also a suggestion. It was decided to continue with X because otherwise it could be 'preaching just to the converted' and continuing doesn't financially support the owner of X unless as we don't pay a subscription etc.

- A member has a local environment group on Next Door, called 'Climate and Environment' Group. He urges people to join as there are a number of local climate deniers.
- A member will look into the next Pann Mill stall opportunity, ie date.

13. The next meeting will be a zoom meeting on Wednesday 5th February.