

Harrow Friends of the Earth AGM – 10 Oct 2007

1. Talk by Sarah Kersey, of the Harrow Green Party

Refreshments break

2. AGM Introductions, review agenda
3. Minutes of last meeting
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Coordinator's Report
6. Setting quorum, petty expenditure limit, number of elected officers
7. Election of officers
8. Any Other Business
9. Next Meeting



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of the Earth**

Public Meeting: Climate Bill – Andrew Dismore MP, Hendon Town Hall, Sun 11 Nov, 4pm

Coordinator's Report

The Climate Change Bill was our priority campaign - we responded to the government's consultation, we wrote to our MPs and the local newspapers, we gave five school talks, we met Gareth Thomas MP, we promoted Big Ask postcards at our stalls (see stall report below), we joined a Brent FOE day of action and we are now helping Barnet FOE to promote a public meeting with Andrew Dismore MP - we need good attendance, as he is a key target MP.

Waste was another focus this year: we protested at the Royal Court against West London Waste Authority reducing environmental controls on their waste disposal, we joined Project Freesheet's free newspaper campaign, we joined HA21's Incineration Debate, we often wrote to the local papers and we've been monitoring WLWA meetings & activities.

Other activities: we've lobbied councillors for more spending on tree planting, we took part in consultations, eg. on council planning, we rallied in support of the Sustainable Communities Bill; we networked with various London FOE groups, Oxfam Campaign Group, HA21, Green Party and we joined MySpace; we took part in FOE's strategic plan and local groups consultations, and attended the National Conference.

We always need more members to raise the profile of these and other key environmental issues.

Bernard Burns, Coordinator

Stall Report

We have attended four events in Harrow this year: the Headstone Manor May Day show, the Roxeth July show, the Harrow in Leaf show and the Pinner show. At all these shows we displayed leaflets on a variety of topics; ask passers-by to send a postcard to their MP calling for them to make sure that the coming Climate Change Bill has stricter targets (The Big Ask) and sold fund-raising items purchased from the national FOE. However the national FOE are cutting back on fundraising items and the income received by the group will fall over the coming years; we still have brotels to sell.

The Mayday Show was poorly attended by the public due to rain. The Pinner and Roxeth shows were much better attended but the stall was not overwhelmed by visitors. The Harrow in Leaf show was very poorly organised and there were too few stalls and entertainment for the entrance fee being charged.

I would like to thank all the group members who gave up their time to help man the stall.

John Hollingdale, Treasurer

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