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<p>1) Welcome, attendees & apologies: The meeting was held on Susie's and Mike's allotment and started with a short "tour" of the allotment where they grow a good proportion of the vegetables they need. We were blessed with a perfect evening for an alfresco meeting and convened in the allotments' 'communal seating area'. Other members of the group thanked Susie & Mike for hosting the event and treating us to some wonderful food including freshly home baked focaccia bread.</p> <p>Present: Mike Grahn (MG) Lynne McNulty (LMcN) Susie Morrow (SM) Stuart Oliver (SO) Terry Brown–Coordinator (TGB)</p> <p><i>Intermittently: Mr(s) Fox</i></p> <p><i>One apology had been received from Paul Dinsdale</i></p>	
<p>2) Previous Meeting Note and comments: The last published notes were from the meeting of May 18, as the group hadn't met in June and the July meeting was curtailed due to attendance by some at the Wandsworth Council Air Quality Champions Meeting. Consequently the meeting was more of an informal discussion. It was agreed that the notes of May 18 would be referred to when we came on to the discussion of proposed Group activities</p>	
<p>3) Coordinators Report:</p> <p>TGB gave his coordinators report as follows:</p> <p>1) TGB diary FOE retweeting WFOE tweets (438 followers) and being retweeted by National FOE. June 3-5: Friends of the Earth Basecamp in Castleton, Hope Valley, Derbyshire; TGB attended, but still needs to sift through his notes. July 13: A better environment for London: What do we want from our new Mayor? FOE HQ; TGB attended. Notes may follow. Last meeting: Wandsworth Air Quality Meeting. TGB took some notes, but Robert Molteno (WLS) offered some more probing thoughts. <i>Future</i> Proposed "Stall" at St Francis Day event at the Holy Trinity Church in Roehampton on Saturday October 8 organised by 'Animals Asia'. To provide a focus for activity. Group agreed and will participate.</p> <p>2) National FOE Communications and events Featured: The Bee Cause Fracking in the UK Air Pollution Coffee cup waste Let's Eat Better Pledge London air pollution: FOE answers to the Mayor's proposals http://bit.ly/2bcLj9V</p>	

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<p>3) WFOE: proposals for local campaigning <i>see minutes of May 18 meeting, see also main item (4) below</i> Nature and Open Spaces Air Quality Climate Change Wandsworth Town Centre Proposals</p>	
<p>4) Other groups National Park City Contact with Southwark: TGB met with Southwark Coordinator at FOE event mentioned above</p>	
<p>5) Anything Else: TGB urges other Group Members to look out for future events that WFOE could have a presence at.</p>	All
<p>4) WFOE proposed Local Campaigns & Activities</p>	
<p>1) Air quality & pollution: In spite of the number of groups who are addressing air-pollution there was an enthusiasm for WFOE to get involved. SO in particular considers it outrageous that the council is not addressing an issue that is causing the premature death of many people in the capital. WFOE needs to focus on how they would wish to push forward with a campaign in this respect. SO agreed to look further into this</p>	SO
<p>2) Climate change: all are agreed that this is an extremely pressing issue that isn't being addressed by central or local government with sufficient energy directed at the true causes. We await any ratification of the Paris Treaty for instance and there is little evidence that LBW is taking any action with regards to climate change. Once again WFOE needs to find an angle on this issue that can be developed as a local campaign. TGB agreed to look further into this.</p>	TGB
<p>3) Mayor's attitude to a third runway at Heathrow: this was discussed and Sadiq Khan favours a new runway at Gatwick. TGB was of the opinion that air travel demand is 'sexed up' and, with appropriate habits and a true representation of the cost of flying, would already have peaked. If there were to be a campaign it should be for no new runways in London at all. The Group needs to give this further thought.</p>	All
<p>4) Public green space in London: there was extended discussion about the erosion of public green space in the Borough and examples such as the formula E event in Battersea Park demonstrated the undervaluing of public open space by the Borough Council, sometimes on the basis that it was underused. The use-value of open-space, of course, is not based on how many people are doing things <i>on it</i> any given time, but stems from the idea of "green lungs" within the urban environment and allowing nature to flourish as well as offering relief from the "urban jungle". This topic requires some informal surveying of public open space in the borough to get a true snapshot of what is happening, for better or for worse, with a view to raising issues with the Council. LMcN agreed to give this some thought.</p>	LMcN
<p>5) Zero carbon homes in London: At the moment, can possibly only be achieved through the Town Planning system. It wasn't clear how this could become a subject for the group, though, if time permitted, it might be worth studying in the Wandsworth Local Plan to see what provisions are in it for both environmental improvement and climate change mitigation.</p>	

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<p>6) Divesting from fossil fuels Not discussed in detail at the meeting, but previously we had agreed that we should find a way to approach Wandsworth Borough Council on the subject of investments (pension funds?) and energy sources for Council facilities.</p>	
<p>7) Fallout from Tooting By-election Dr Rosena Allin-Khan had offered to meet FOE. Susie is a tooting constituent and so we have the opportunity to meet with Ms Allin-Khan. It was agreed that we need to put together a List of subjects for the discussion.</p>	All
<p>8) Wandsworth Town Centre/Gyratory Proposals: There was a discussion about the TfL/WBC proposals to 'improve' the town centre by modifying the current gyratory system to cut down on traffic passing through the town centre itself and it was suggested that we need to continue to monitor the scheme as it still had a number of shortcomings. It was acknowledged that the proposals are quite complex to understand and it might require a WFOE working group to look into the current manifestation of the scheme. TGB agreed to try to co-ordinate this activity.</p>	TGB
<p>5) Other events, attendances and issues There was not time to explore other events, but note item 3.1 above.</p>	
<p>6) AOB TGB had brought the bank application to the meeting but had not yet signed it off and promised MG that he would return it in the next day also having read it inside it in the appropriate places. This was required because the current bank that holds WFOE funds is now wanting to make Bank charges. No further topics were raised</p>	TGB
<p>7) Date of next meeting After much discussion and juggling with various diaries and events it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday October 5 POST MEETING NOTE: October 5 not a good day for TGB due to procedure the previous day, so it has been decided to schedule a September meeting for Wednesday September 21 and fix the October meeting for Wednesday October 26 (Fourth Wednesday as TGB can't do third)</p>	All