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Our Next Meeting

Tony Juniper

CEO of Nature England

The former CEO of Friends of the
Earth speaks on:

‘Nature: from Conservation to Recovery’

PLEASE NOTE: Start time for the next monthly meeting is **7pm**

Virtual meeting

*Due to Coronavirus and following advice from Friends of the Earth, our
March meeting will be a virtual one. See page 2 for full details.*

Usually 7.30pm The Friends Meeting House, Ravensbourne Road, Bromley

Everyone always welcome

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March Meeting Participation

If you would like to be involved in the next Monthly Meeting, then it will be a virtual Zoom meeting once more. Please let us know if you'd like to attend by either emailing bromleyfoe@gmail.com or leaving a message on 020 8289 1503, and we will then send you details of how to join in, nearer the time.

You can either join using your computer (with video or without) or on a smart phone. There is usually a phone number to dial in for any other phone available.

Specific meeting content details are below. The first half will be our speaker and the second half will be for BFoE business.

If you can't attend this meeting, or just find yourself with some spare time, perhaps we can encourage you to become 'Armchair Activists'. Do your own bit of campaigning, perhaps inspired by something in our newsletters, and let us know what response you get.

Diary Dates

Please note that due to the Coronavirus, many events have had to be cancelled

2nd Mar (Tues) BFoE Monthly Meeting **7.00pm**. Speaker Tony Juniper CEO of Nature England and former CEO of Friends of the Earth from 2003 to 2008, speaks on 'Nature: from conservation to recovery.'

This is correct at the time of going to press but obviously will be updated in the next monthly newsletter. If you need any further information on any events in the meantime, you can email us on bromleyfoe@gmail.com

If any of the items in this newsletter make you angry, delight you, enthuse you or cause you any emotion other than apathy, then please jot down a line or two and send it into the newsletter.

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February Monthly Meeting Report

Tom Coling

At this meeting, we were joined by John Glavey (JG), Matt Booton (MB) and Massimo Vanni (MV) from KLO Financial Services (<https://www.klofinancialservices.com/team/>)

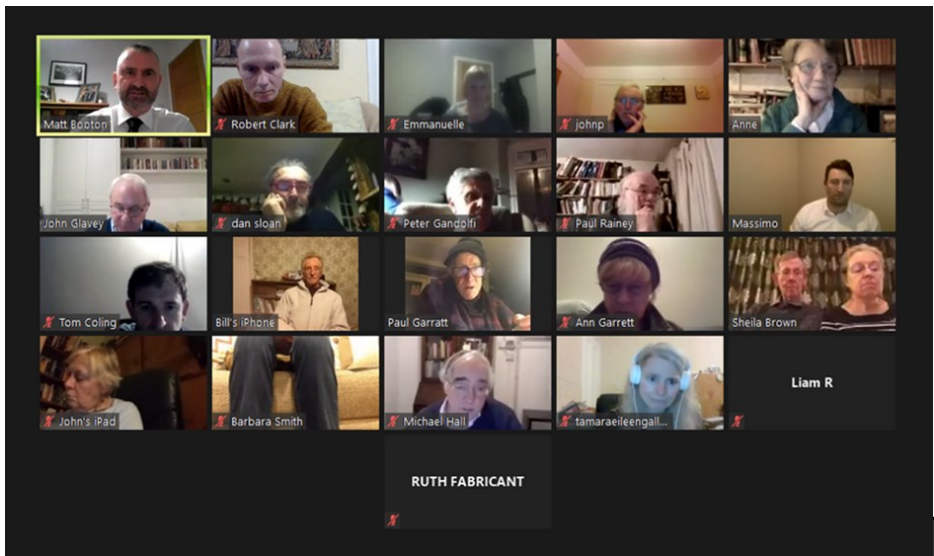
who delivered a most interesting and informative presentation about 'Socially Responsible Investments'.

JG started the talk on a positive note, by stating that at no point over his 40-year career, has there been such an awareness and recognition of ethical and responsible investments. Whilst JG did caveat this by stipulating that what one person considers to be an ethical and/or responsible investment may differ from the views of another, his overriding

message was that progress is being made both in terms of investors wanting to ensure their money does not bankroll harmful and/or unethical practices and in financial advisors recognising this and facilitating a move towards socially responsible investments.

MB then spoke about the three branches of 'responsible investing', namely:

1) Ethical Investing – as the name implies, ethical investing is about investing using ethical principles as a guidance. Often, it means filtering out certain types of companies and sectors, such as fossil fuels, mining, weapons manufacturers, tobacco producers, companies involved in animal testing etc.



2) ESG Investing – ESG describes three key factors used by fund managers to assess corporate behaviour:

(a) Environmental – this concerns interaction with the physical environment, such as climate change, biodiversity, natural resources, carbon emissions, air and water pollution etc.

(b) Social – this looks at the impact on society and communities, including human rights, health and safety issues, labour standards, product liability, privacy and data security etc.

(c) Governance – this focuses on how companies are governed, including diversity, transparency, ownership, board independence, ethics, executive compensation etc.

The ESG framework is based on the belief that these factors are critical to a company's future financial performance. The theory is that companies that do not impact the environment, have a social conscience and are well governed, will out-perform other companies.

3) Sustainable Investing – this effectively means how to generate long-term financial returns while contributing positively to society.

MB went on to explain that as part of the investment process, KLO Financial Services ask their clients to complete

an 'SRI Style Finder Questionnaire'. SRI Styles help explain the key difference between sustainable, responsible and ethical investment options by highlighting their core features. By way of example, questions such as those which follow are put to a client for them to then rank the importance of the message contained within it.

i) I would like to ensure that investment risks relating to poor management of environmental, social and/or governance issues are not ignored by fund managers.

ii) I am looking to invest in a fund which favours forward-looking, sustainable companies that manage issues such as the efficient use of resources, stakeholder relations, carbon emissions and social impacts.

iii) My main area of interest is environmental issues such as climate change. I am keen to invest in a fund which prioritises this area and invests in companies that are helping to solve related issues.

Interestingly, JG stated that as of 21st March 2021, all fund managers working in the EU will need to get their clients to complete an SRI Style Finder Questionnaire as part of their investment journey. JG said that there is no regulatory requirement here in the UK to follow suit and given all the

government are contending with at present, there were sadly no plans on the horizon to bring us in line with the EU on this point.

MB concluded the presentation by encouraging anyone who did wish to speak to them about investing responsibly, to get in touch.

Second Half

Sheila Brown

Ann had joined a webinar about the forthcoming Mayoral elections and realised we were behind the game. We need to contact our candidates and find out where they stand on climate issues and whether they will sign up to Friends

of the Earth's Climate Action plan. Our candidates represent the Boroughs of Bromley and Bexley. There is currently no local FoE group in Bexley – but might there possibly be a Bexley Climate Action group? Volunteers came forward to contact the Conservative, Lib-Dem, Labour and Green candidates with a view to holding one-to-one meetings. Ann will provide a letter, questionnaire and 10-point plan. It was decided to invite the candidates to our April Zoom meeting to share ideas and answer questions on Climate, and this will be an Informal Meeting on Climate.

There was further discussion of the Bromley Open Space strategy .



Swanscombe Marshes



Swanscombe Marshes

Anne Clark mentioned a planning proposal re Sevenoaks Wildlife Centre which is threatened with over-commercialisation. Our group had visited there a few years ago. People were encouraged to send in objections. See page 13 for Anne's report.

There was much discussion of the planning application for theme parks at Swanscombe Marshes which had been given the go-ahead, and had been much heralded as becoming a "major infrastructure project" and "The London Resort". Buglife are spearheading a campaign to save the marshes. This wetland area is hugely important for rare insects and migrating birds, and is a

natural area with a great sense of peace. The plan is on a colossal scale and is backed by the BBC, ITV, Paramount Pictures and EdF. People are urged to write to their own MP opposing this catastrophic development.

One piece of good news is that the Bell Hotel in Bromley is now restored.

People talked about the birds they had spotted in their gardens during the annual RSPB Bird Watch. Sue reported that Norman Park is under water and now resembles a lake, but Paul Rainey said it was intended to be a flood plain so was doing its job. Mary Stirling drew our attention to the Brilliant Butterflies Project (see page 10.)



meeting, and the birds which are regular visitors to their garden at this time of year.

I observed for an hour early on the Friday morning, and then for most of the day on Sunday. I submitted the birds I observed from 3.55 to 4.55 pm:-

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2021

Ruth Fabricant

During the weekend of 29-31st January, thousands of people across the UK took part in the Big Garden Birdwatch, which helps build a picture of how our garden birdlife is faring. The RSPB team of conservation scientists are working on the data and will reveal their findings in April.

If you took part, recording the birds you observed for one hour, do not forget to submit your results to the RSPB by 19th February.

Members of BFOE discussed their observations at last month's

Male & female Blackbird; 2 Robins together; 3 Great Tits; and a Greater Spotted Woodpecker which is a regular visitor to my damson tree, most mornings, and around 4pm each evening. It feeds on insects from a circular hole, drilled by a previous Woodpecker several years ago in the trunk of the tree. It also feeds on nuts hanging on a bird feeder close by.

On the Friday morning, the very tame





a pair of Magpies and several Wood Pigeons, which are regular visitors.

It is interesting how birds vary across the borough. Another Beckenham resident saw the same birds as me (except the Woodpecker!)

However another Beckenham resident, Helen Loughlin, like me is most excited to see a Greater Spotted Woodpecker which visits her garden, in Westfield Road. I have attached a stunning clear photo she has

Robin spent the hour flying frantically round the garden chasing all similar sized birds away! Robins are apparently very territorial. On the Sunday I noticed two Robins together, if we have had a mild winter Robins mate as early as January. It was extremely sweet as last week the tame Robin brought its mate to the bush near the bin outside my kitchen door, where it feeds several times a day. I have attached a photo of the tame Robin which comes close to me and my baby grandson when we are in the garden; it sits on a bush and sings for us! I have an inexpensive Sony digital camera.

During the weekend, I also saw

sent me. Helen also observed the following birds on Sunday 31st January:-
6 Feral Pigeons; 1 Blue Tit; 2 Great Tits; 4 gold Finches; 1 Robin; 2 Starlings; 4 Sparrows; 5 ring-necked parakeets; 2 crows and 1 Magpie.

I have not seen any Blue Tits or Sparrows for a long time.



John Catlin, in Bromley Common regularly sees Blue Tits; Wood Pigeons; Doves; a male and female Blackbird, and a Rook. Like me he has not seen any Sparrows for a long time. John has been disappointed to



notice a decline in birds in his garden since a neighbour decided to chop down trees which overhung John's garden.

Rob and Bethan in Hayes noticed 2 Wood Pigeons; 2 Collared Doves; 1 Blackbird; 2 Robins; 2 Blue Tits and a Sparrow.

Ann Clark in Chislehurst observed birds for one hour on the Sunday, spotting 1 Rock Dove; 6 Sparrows; 4 Dunnocks; 2 Starlings; 1 Robin; 2 Great Tits; 2 Parakeets; 6 Urban Pigeons; 2 Wood Pigeons; 2 Crows; 1 Blackbird; 1 Black Cap; 1 Goldfinch and 1 Magpie.

Ann, in Petts Wood observed a Goldfinch; Ann Garret in the Sundridge Park area noticed Swifts, Seagulls and Swallows flying overhead and was lucky enough one evening to both see and hear Owls in Plaistow Grove.

From his garden in Orpington, Michael Hall regularly sees Sparrows; Robins; Blackbirds; Pigeons; Crows; Magpies;

Parakeets and occasional Jays. Sparrows and Blue Tits nest in Michael's garden hedges in the spring.

John Bassendine lives in Otford and has a largish garden with many trees and shrubs and several bird feeders. On the 12th February he noticed a good mix of birds in the garden, where there is still snow, and it is very cold: -

2 Blackbirds; 4 Blue Tits; 2 Collared Doves; 2 Dunnocks; 1 Fieldfare; 3 Goldfinches; 1 Great Tit; 6 House Sparrows; 1 Jay; 3 Long Tailed Tits; 1 Redwing; 2 Robins and 2 Wood Pigeons.

Judith Niechcial from Petts Wood saw 2 Robins; 3 Wood Pigeons; 3 Crows; 2 Parakeets and 1 Magpie.

Provided your garden does not have frequent cat visitors, you can attract birds by providing fat balls; peanuts; seed mix and brown bread. The word soon gets round by 'twitter'!

Do share any new observations at our next meeting.

Since the recent snowfall, a Thrush has appeared daily to eat berries and insects from my ivy hedge, and a Jay, which I have not seen for a long while. Every so often I also see (and hear!) beautiful green Parakeets. There are several theories as to how they originally came to this country. They are certainly surviving and adapting to our climate and appear in large groups. I would like to believe the theory that some were released by Jimi Hendrix, as I am a big fan!

During the birdwatch weekend, I noticed small groups of birds with greyish black tops, with pinkish red underneath; I am unsure if they are Long Tailed Tits or Bullfinches.

The attached photo of authentic cuddly RSPB singing birds make a perfect gift for a baby or child.

Happy bird watching for those who enjoy and have time for this hobby.

What is the Brilliant Butterflies Project?

Mary Stirling

Patches of chalk grassland in South Croydon will be restored to help conserve nationally rare plants and insects, including many species of

butterfly.

The National History Museum has partnered with the London Wildlife Trust (LWT <https://www.wildlondon.org.uk/>) and [Butterfly - Conservation \(https://butterfly-conservation.org/\)](https://butterfly-conservation.org/) on the Brilliant Butterflies project, which is funded by a £1-million Dream Fund Award from the People's Postcode Lottery. It will improve the health of existing patches of grassland in South London and restore other sites to help reduce habitat fragmentation.

Katy Potts is the Museum's Biodiversity Officer working on the Brilliant Butterflies project.

'The Museum's role in this project will be to undertake the invertebrate monitoring using traditional survey techniques and environmental DNA (eDNA) surveys. We will also develop a training programme to teach the volunteers that the LWT will recruit on how to identify and survey the chalk grassland invertebrates that we survey', says Katy.

'The London Wildlife Trust will be taking over all of the habitat management on the sites and running a public engagement programme, while Butterfly Conservation is surveying the butterflies.'

In addition to this, the National History

Museum will restore its own patch of chalk grassland in South Kensington as part of The Urban Nature Project.

(<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/about-us/urban-nature-project.html>)



Church House Gardens Bromley Feb 11th.

Kari Sylvester

A male Egyptian Goose on guard duty and a female on a nest across on the island

Brrrr...

Today was not a day for standing around - unless feathered like our beautiful geese! Also present this morning was one Greylag, which comes and goes but I have not seen it for a while.



Only two squirrels came for monkeynuts but fed them on the branch so they didn't need to come down to ground in the snow. I decided not to go up to Greggs in the High Street as I was walking over the grass as much as possible.

I am still cautious, especially on the path

where I had my accident on black ice a few years back.

Stay warm and safe all.

Miller's Mutterings

Chris Miller - Court Lodge Farm

Did you miss the rain report last month? Well, just to keep you informed, we have had 100ml up until the last couple of days in January, another wet month. This is the third year on the trot that we have had a very wet winter, as you can probably tell by the very muddy footpaths. We seem to be having much wetter winters, but the crops are being starved of moisture when they need it most, ie spring and early summer. The benefits we are finding from the direct drilling, is that the ground is managing to hold onto the moisture on the heavier ground (clay and silts) but obviously not on the lighter soils (chalky, sandy or gravelly) where the crops struggle. Hopefully the longer we carry on with the direct drilling, the lighter soils should benefit from more organic matter therefore holding onto moisture, time will tell.

Have you managed to notice the new barley crop growing amongst the weeds in the meadow, on the field with the footpath from Warren Road to the church? Some of the fields look a bit messy at the moment, the reason being

that we were unable to apply weed killer in the autumn but hopefully in the next month we should be able to clean up the barley and wheat crops. The fields going into spring oats will have an application of weed killer prior to drilling, enabling the decaying cover crop to feed the new emerging crop.

The boys normally attend a NROSA, national register of spray operators meeting each January in Dunkirk, Kent but obviously this will not be taking place this year so they will be completing a 21/2 online course. Peter will be ok but not sure about Steve! Poor old boy.

We have heard a little about the future of farming outside of the EU. Could be interesting and challenging for small farms. The transition will last seven years starting now, with the first reduction in usual payments from this year. We will have to be more environmentally friendly and grow the same amount of crops as before, what fun lies ahead.

It is lovely to hear the birds starting to sing and call in the garden, especially the great tit with their loud, strong "teacher-teacher" call. We have been lucky this year to see so many redwings, a shy, lovely bird which looks a little like a small song thrush but with a broad white stripe over the eye and red

underwings. They feed on berries and invertebrates; I have watched them on the ivy berries in the hedgerows but was delighted to see them on our pyracantha which grows up the side of the house. Watching them so close through the window eating the berries was a great delight on a cold afternoon. Apparently, they migrate at night from Iceland, the Faros and Scandinavia, moving generally when the sky is clear, and the wind is in the east arriving here between October to April.

Although it has been very cold on some days, it wasn't bitter on St. Agnes Eve as mentioned last month so that verse didn't hold out here. Candlemas Day is on the 2nd February and used to be regarded as being half way through winter. Apparently February is usually a damp month, not because of the high rainfall but because of a low evaporation rate and the saying for this month means that regardless of rain or snow, the ditches will usually fill during February.

February fill dyke, black or white

Sevenoaks (Kent) Wildlife Trust's Centre

Anne Clark

When our FoE group visited a few years ago, we enjoyed refreshments at the small snack bar and log visitor centre,

educating ourselves upstairs with an array of stuffed animals and the very largest identification collection of different types of bees that I've ever seen – ideal for interesting children as bees are so topical. We then were taken in two groups on a marvellous guided tour over the converted gravel pit site, through the assorted woodland and heathland, into a hide (built by a volunteer) to watch over the water birds on the islands in the lakes. We learned about all the wildlife and the wonders of the angling club that were there most days looking after the birds etc. and encouraging a new pair of Great Crested Grebe. We learned from a lecture from an angler Chris Couch, guide and member of many years, who had been encouraging the Grebes, more or less told not to interfere but to leave it to the Trust.

Many members of the public remarked on how let go and run down the site had become of late, including two sewage leaks (mended now), and we now learn that KWT are putting an application into Sevenoaks Council for an overhaul of the area – remaking the entrance, drive, a coach and car park, clearing barns and outbuildings, building better toilet facilities, children's playground, architect planned restaurant with balcony overlooking the lakes etc. as well as

some talk of introducing otters and beavers. Comments were invited before 7th February so, being somewhat dubious of it becoming a little too commercial, I did make a few!

It is a matter of whether you want it just a place to wander into - watching the sunrise and wildlife and visiting birds - photographers, anglers, strollers (we do need that at the moment) or somewhere a little busier and more commercialised, more built up, which would maybe frighten a lot of the visiting, unusual wildlife away. Would otters take too much fish and beavers gnaw through too many of the trees? I do hope that they have got some helpful comments anyway, after all, we ourselves said that it would be nice to have a less muddy entrance and slightly better toilet facilities, but some outhouses would continue to be wanted for wildlife (bats, owls etc.) and too much activity could frighten that very wildlife away! We shall see.

Campaigns

New FoE campaign areas!

Recently Friends of the Earth have re-organised their campaign areas into the following:

Climate -

Heathrow

Green & fair recovery

Climate friendly communities
Renewable Energy

Nature -

Trees & bees

System Change -

Trade

Planning & Environmental law

Anti-racism

Consumption -

Food & the environment

Plastics

Climate

Climate Action Training and Action Plan

FoE Climate Action Plan Meeting Report
by Ann Garrett

I attended a zoom London Election
Campaign meeting on January 20th.

Local FoE groups were asked to set up
phone or zoom meetings with local GLA
candidates based on the National FoE 10
point Climate Action Plan and at our last
meeting the following kindly offered to
contact the Bexley and Bromley
candidates.

Sheila Brown - The Green Party, Ruth
Fabricant - the Tories, Michael Hall - the
Lib Dems, and Liam Redmond - Labour.

They will email them the following FoE 10
priorities the next Mayor of London
should commit to and it is hoped that the
candidates might attend our April

Nathan Clark

zoom meeting.

10 priorities the next Mayor of London should commit to:

- 1 Ensuring all infrastructure plans, programmes, and investment decisions – including plans to “build back better” from COVID-19 – are in line with what’s needed to address the climate and ecological emergency, including London’s carbon budget and the carbon reduction pathway.
- 2 Ensuring those most impacted by climate breakdown and nature loss are heard and put centre stage in decision-making.
- 3 Protecting workers and communities through a just transition from a fossil fuel-dependent economy to a low-carbon, nature-rich, circular economy, including delivering the 79,616 jobs that a Local Government Association analysis says could be created in the region by 2030.
- 4 Introducing policies and measures that ensure new development is net zero carbon, and existing homes are brought up to high energy

standards, thereby relegating fuel poverty to the history books.

- 5 Increasing public transport use, cycling and walking to at least 80% of journeys within the next 10 years, to cut climate emissions and ensure everyone can breathe clean air.
- 6 Powering the region with clean, renewable energy and reaping the economic and job opportunities it will bring, while ensuring fossil fuels are kept in the ground.
- 7 Greening the city region by increasing tree cover, protecting nature, and eliminating greenspace deprivation.
- 8 Becoming a zero-waste city region by 2030 without reliance on landfill or incineration to reduce pressures on nature from resource extraction and pollution.
- 9 Calling on the local government pension scheme to divest from fossil fuels, to stop profiting from environmental harm.

- 10 Opposing climate-wrecking and traffic-generating developments, including airport expansion at Heathrow and London City, and instead focus on cutting traffic levels.

Deforestation in the Amazon

Ann Garrett

Jair Bolsonaro, the Brazilian President, could face charges in the international criminal court after being accused of crimes against humanity and the environment.

Indigenous leaders in Brazil and human rights groups are urging the court to investigate Bolsonaro over his dismantling of environmental policies and violations of indigenous people's rights.

Since Bolsonaro took office in 2019 vast stretches of the rainforest have been destroyed and traditional settlements threatened.

Deforestation has soared by nearly 50% in two years and has reached its highest level since 2008. Invasions of indigenous territories increased by 135% in 2019 and at least 19 people were murdered in land conflicts last year.

Marcio Astrini, an activist, has commented 'it is frightening to see a

co-ordinated attack on the climate, the forest and its people'.

Carbon Capture is vital to meet Climate Goals

Ann Garrett

Engineers and geologists have strongly criticised green groups including Friends of the Earth, who have claimed that carbon capture and storage schemes - for reducing fossil emissions - are costly mistakes.

Scientists have insisted that such schemes are vital weapons to battle against global heating and warn that failure to set up ways to capture carbon dioxide and store it underground would make it almost impossible to hold net emissions to below zero by 2050.

Green groups have said that carbon capture and storage (CCS) was not a reliable way to decarbonise the energy system. They are critical that CCS has a history of over promising and under delivery, and stress that the focus should be on the creation of more renewable energy plants.

Controversial Coal Mine Plans could be Halted

Ann Garrett

A widely criticised coal mine planning application in Cumbria could be reconsidered, the local county council has said.

Campaigners are pleased that their efforts in warning that the proposed site near Whitehaven could undermine climate change efforts, have been listened to by the government. A Committee on Climate Change report has been fundamental in influencing the decision for the plan to be reconsidered.

Transport

Ann Garrett

Brave, opposition to HS2 eco campaigners have been putting up a courageous fight at Euston to disrupt the works there.

Bailiffs have now moved in to evict the campaigners from trees and an underground tunnel they have dug to try to stop the further development of a costly highspeed rail link which would

seriously damage the environment.

The link would reduce the journey north by about 20 minutes, and is not taking into account that since the Covid pandemic, fewer people are likely to make the journey north, as more people will be working from home. The fact remains however, that the government

Actions for Local Authorities to tackle climate damage from transport	LA powers	Cost	Public support	Toxic air benefits	Physical health benefits
Level 1 – should do					
Establish a network of remote working hubs			✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Make emergency active travel infrastructure permanent			✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓
Free/cheap e-bikes for key workers and job-seekers			✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓
Lower speed limits			✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓
Cancel local spending on road building and redirect to public transport and active travel			✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Re-regulate and improve bus services (Metro areas)			✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓
Amend local plans and develop only where excellent public transport			✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Set a carbon budget for transport and traffic reduction targets			✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Stop subsidising or encouraging free parking			✓	✓✓	✓✓
Stop cutting bus services			✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓
Level 2 – should do to show leadership					
Initiate a town trial of free public transport			✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓
Implement a local pay-per-mile Eco Levy			✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Introduce guaranteed service frequency standards in rural areas			✓✓✓	✓✓	✓
Pilot affordable e-bikes for everyone			✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓
Showcase longer distance cycleways			✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓
Become a demonstration town for e-cargo bikes			✓✓	✓✓	✓
Level 3 –require more powers and funding					
Re-regulate buses (non Metro areas) and operate own bus services (all areas)			✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓
Trial Swiss style timetabling			✓✓✓	✓✓	✓
Institute a visitor levy			✓	✓✓	✓
Implement a public transport payroll levy			✓✓	✓✓	✓
Level 4 - national lobbying required					
Stop wasting money on building roads and redirect to public transport and active travel			✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Amend the bus services act to allow franchising and municipal bus companies			✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓
Set a national planning framework that ensures development only where excellent public transport			✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Lower national speed limits			✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Establish a national e-bike purchase scheme			✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓
Establish an e-bike industrial strategy			✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓
Introduce a levy on deliveries			✓	✓✓	✓✓
Key: Green = existing powers/ low cost; yellow = medium cost; orange = no powers/ high cost.					

doesn't want to lose face over the project and back down despite the economic challenges.

E Fact of the Month

Peter Gandolfi

The weight of all human made mass, doubles every 20 years and now exceeds the weight of all living biomass on the planet, and weighs 1.1 trillion tonnes, according to a study in the scientific journal Nature.

Supplies That Don't Cost the Earth

This is a regular reference point for useful and practical resources, helping us to sustain the greenest lifestyles we can. These are not recommendations from Bromley or National FoE, but are just suggested by BFoE members. Any suggestions or reviews gratefully received. bromleyfoe@gmail.com

IT & Phone Repair Orpington IT Centre, 92 High St, Orpington BR6 0JY (Opposite Aynscombe Angle)

www.orpingtonitcentre.co.uk

No/Low Waste Shops

Alexander Stores, 61 Beckenham Road.

Green Room, Station Approach, Hayes.

The Burlington Food Hall, Chislehurst High Street (Next to the Post Office): www.burlingtonfood.co.uk

Internet

Peep Eyewear revitalise vintage frames or recycle those that can't be reused. <https://www.peepeyewear.co.uk/peep-donation-address>

If You Care products including recycled tin foil and sandwich bags: <https://buyifyoucare.com/>

Peace With the Wild - Household products: <https://www.peacewiththewild.co.uk/>

My Green Pod - Wide range of biodegradable and natural products: <https://www.mygreenpod.com/>

Ethical Superstore - 'Ethical' products news and advice: <https://www.ethicalsuperstore.com/>

Green Finder - a useful directory of environmental companies for all kinds of things. <http://www.greenfinder.co.uk/>

Naturallythinking, Unit 2 Mill Lane Trading Estate, Mill Lane, Croydon, CR0 4AA, 020 3856 3588: <https://naturallythinking.com/>

Crowdfarming, wide selection of directly supplied products from farmers around the world, many organic: <https://www.crowdfarming.com/en>

Facebook

Greener & Cleaner Bromley (& Beyond) Consumer action!

Hayes Life Freebeecyclers There may be something similar in your area.

Reuse

If you have any items that you no longer need and that could be of use to someone then please let us know and we will publish them in the Newsletter. Alternatively, you could bring them along to our monthly meeting and put them on the table in reception. Any donations to BFoE from sales will be greatly appreciated.

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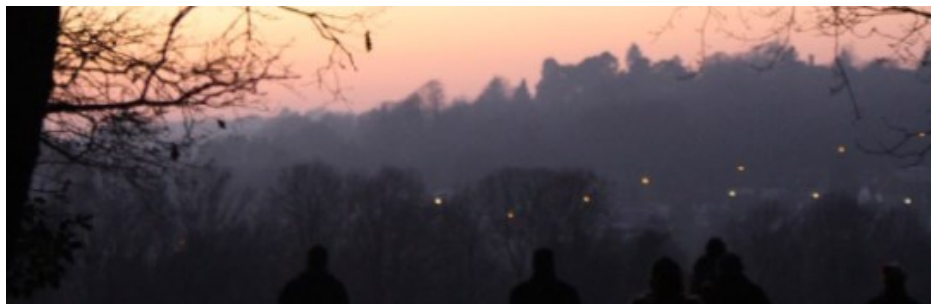
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If you are not a member of Bromley Friends of the Earth (BFoE) then hello to you. We are an active local group affiliated to national Friends of the Earth concerned with promoting the understanding of environmental issues. We also campaign on these issues at a local, national and international level.

If you would like to know more about who we are and what we do, please contact either of our acting co-ordinators Sheila Brown or Ann Garrett (their details are inside the back page of this newsletter.) Alternatively you can come along to one of our monthly meetings held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Friends Meeting House, Ravensbourne Road, Bromley - that's towards the bottom of the

Membership Application/Renewal* Form (*delete as appropriate)

I would like to support Bromley Friends of the Earth and enclose my annual subscription (£8 single/£15 couple/family.) I also enclose a donation (optional) of £..... to help towards the work of our local group.

Name:

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Do you have any hobbies or interests that may be of use to the group?

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