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January Meeting

Friends Meeting House, Ravensbourne Road, Bromley

Tamara Galloway

The Truth about GM Foods

*Tamara shares the latest research conclusions
and thinking about this contentious issue*

Tuesday 3rd January – 7.30pm

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Diary dates:

Jan 3 (Tue)

Jan 28 (Sat)

Feb 7 (Tue)

Bromley FoE's January meeting: Tamara Galloway on Genetically Modified foods, followed by AGM

Day of Action on Air Pollution – see page

Bromley FoE's February meeting**January meeting - Tamara Galloway on GM + AGM**

At the January meeting, Tamara will talk about the law governing GM crops in Britain, how GM crops could affect your health, and how they are getting into your diet by stealth.

The second part of the meeting will be our Annual General Meeting looking back over the past year and into the future – see also page 5. It includes the presentation and approval of accounts, election of officers, review of the year's activities (see next page), review of campaigns and forthcoming.

Speakers wanted for Bromley FoE's monthly meetings

Do you have any ideas for possible speakers in 2017?
Please contact one of the Joint Co-ordinators,
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Round-up of 2016

Sheila Brown looks back on some of the things that Bromley FoE did in 2016 –

- Ongoing participation in Bromley Biodiversity Action Plan
- 2 Campaign stalls in Bromley
- Working with Bromley against Fracking
- Campaign stall outside Barclays Bank anti-Fracking
- Supporting Friends of Site G
- 3rd successful Open Garden Day
- Stall at Coolings Nursery
- Stall at Keston Countryside Day
- Stall at Cudham Fete
- Stalls at 2 Park Open Days (Havelock and Whitehall)
- Helped at 2 Croydon FoE stalls
- Climate Change March
- Air pollution monitoring
- Freshwater habitats pollution monitoring
- Continued monitoring of Waste4 Fuel site with eventual start of site clearance
- Bromley FoE members attended Basecamp
- Gave presentation re bees at Nature workshop at Basecamp
- Bromley FoE members attended January Regional Day
- Bromley FoE members attended pre-Referendum debate
- Bromley FoE members attended London Mayoral briefing at The Printworks
- Bromley FoE members attended Brexit and the Environment at The Printworks
- Outings to Beaver Water World, Court Farm, Brogdale, Scobb Farm Goudhurst

(apologies for any omissions)

The February issue – No. 350

The next issue, February 2017, will be Issue Number 350. We'll fish out from our archives material from issues 250, 150, and 50. Issue 50 was published in February 1992 and Issue 150 in June 2000.

If you have any memories of Bromley Friends of the Earth from around these dates, then please consider writing something for the newsletter. Please let the editor know in advance if you think you'll be writing something.

December meeting report – Graham Hemington and Sheila Brown

The loss of our planet's biodiversity is happening at an extraordinary speed and should be of urgent concern to us all. We as humans are inextricable embedded in our living world; we are completely dependent upon the nature that surrounds us for all the necessities of life and the people who work tirelessly to protect it.

The continued existence of vital species of flora and fauna cannot be taken for granted. We have seen from countless examples how quickly our biodiversity is disappearing and that the rate of loss is accelerating due to damaging human activities.

Meanwhile there is a growing understanding of the complicity of our economic system in the devastation of nature. The remorseless logic of endless growth on a finite planet has wreaked havoc on the natural world.

Paul tells us that many groups in FoE's European Network are working to protect nature, as well as on the factors that are causing this biodiversity loss in the first place, e.g. irresponsible development, harmful agricultural practices and energy production, etc. The diverse network of volunteers and activists fighting these dangers and standing up to protect biodiversity is inspiring – they are all NATURE'S KEEPERS – just look at these examples:-

- Anne-Line in Norway has been fighting the dumping of waste from mining into the fjord. Norway projects the image of being a clean, pristine country, yet still allows sea dumping.

- Althina in Cyprus is photographed in waders in a dry river bed. She is campaigning to establish the reasons for this and to preserve her country's few water bodies.
- Duro in Croatia campaigned to preserve existing public spaces and water resources around Dubrovnik where a threatened Hydro Electric system would have disrupted existing river systems. The project was finally abandoned after strong pressure from FoE Croatia.
- Carmen in Malta where extensive building is threatening diversity of plant species has responded by propagating native trees and shrubs and has set up a seed bank to rescue threatened plants and plant them elsewhere.
- In the UK Victoria in Leighton Buzzard campaigned to "Keep the Buzz in Leighton Buzzard" with bee-friendly habitats throughout the town and Emily in Birmingham campaigns to increase people's awareness of marine habitats.

These are just a few of the 22 examples featured in this beautiful book, and Paul kindly left a copy for our group (which anyone can borrow).

Paul said that 2016 had been a 'helluva year' but it was important to be optimistic so he was looking at reasons to be cheerful going into 2017. Friends of the Earth in England was part of Friends of the Earth International, made up of 75 countries, mostly in the Global South.

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December meeting report – *continued*

In this country we have 8.6 million plants, 8.5 million trees, 13,000 species of wildlife, 300 farms, 850 km of rivers and canals and 1,000 km of footpaths, as well as 224 National Nature Reserves, 37 SSSIs, 142 Local Nature Reserves.

We need to protect the Green Belt, protect open spaces, playing fields and nature reserves; create green corridors; to appoint a pedestrian champion to lead measures to make walking safer; create more and safer walking routes, enable cleaner, safer journeys avoiding busy and polluted roads.

There's a campaign afoot to make London a National Park City and Paul is very much part of this. The aim is to make more than 50% of London green, to ensure all children have access to nature and that all children should have a daily dose of nature. It has been demonstrated time and time

again that a person's well-being improves with contact with nature.

Paul gave a quote from David Attenborough who said that our species are in trouble with many declining at an alarming rate. In the last 50 years, 56% of our species have declined. We should not be letting this happen.

In post-Brexit Britain, there is the fear that EU environmental achievements and regulations will be lost. 550,000 people responded to a consultation and 87% of respondents said they wanted higher environmental standards. There is also a big debate going on about farming subsidies. It is important that there is no back-sliding.

Finally, the big question for 2017: how can the thousands of nature lovers get more involved in looking after their local nature?

Bromley Friends of the Earth's Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd January in the second half of our monthly meeting. This includes the election of officers, review of the year's activities (see page 3), review of campaigns and forthcoming activities and the general direction of the group.

It is your chance to contribute and tell us what you'd like to see the group doing. Also maybe to volunteer to play a more active role in the group? Volunteers give as much or as little time as they have available but are what keeps the group alive. Contact Sheila Brown (01689-851605) or Ann Garrett (020-8460-1295) if you are interested in volunteering.

Campaigns

On November 12th two members of Bromley FoE supported the NTAG (Nuclear Trains Action Group) and Bromley and Beckenham CND's anti nuclear trains leafleting opposite Bromley South station, as publicised by the photo in last month's newsletter.

The information leaflet highlights that nuclear trains carry highly- radioactive nuclear fuel rods removed from Dungeness and that they travel to Sellafield where the plutonium and uranium are separated.

These trains continuously emit low-level radiation and that there is always a danger of an accident, it warns, and that the only current use for the plutonium is in nuclear warheads such as those carried on Britain's nuclear submarines.

We also supported Bromley Against Fracking with their leafleting at Chelsfield on December 12th. All the shops near the station were keen to have leaflets and The Creature Clinic wanted to put one on their notice board after discussing the facts which included warnings about the effects of fracking on wildlife. This is something BAF wants to investigate further, and which receives particular focus in the film 'Gasland' (available to watch on You Tube).

Both these campaigns emphasise the importance of greater investment in renewables to counteract criticism of negativity.

Climate and Energy

Climate Change

Ten years ago Nicholas Stern, the leading economist, revealed the huge social and financial cost of global warming in a review. Now he says that the situation is 'worse than I had feared'. When the review was published, emissions were equivalent to the pumping of 40-41 bn tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Today there are around 50 bn tonnes.

He is now concerned that he underplayed the dangers and warns that future building of infrastructures will lead to more pollution as the population increases. However he praises the introduction of more renewables, and the recent ratification of the Paris agreement, but says that more pressure needs to be put on the UK government, for instance, to reduce their emissions by at least 80% by 2050.

Trump on Wind farms and Climate Change

Donald Trump has urged Nigel Farage to campaign against off shore wind farm development in the UK, it was revealed on November 22nd. The billionaire US president-elect thinks they are 'ugly' and will ruin the sea view from his estate and golf resort in Aberdeenshire. Last year, judges at the Supreme Court in London unanimously rejected Mr Trump's appeal against the 11-turbine scheme near the resort owned by the Trump Organisation.

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Air Pollution Action Day – January 28th

This email has been received from Ted Burke at Friends of the Earth:

I'd like to invite your group to join other local Friends of the Earth groups in London to a day of action for Clean Air on Saturday, 28 January 2017.

Every year in January, several streets in London breach their air pollution limits for the entire year. Streets are allowed to exceed air pollution limits 18 times in a year, but some areas go over this just a few days into January.

This is outrageous – and it's also a really good opportunity to raise awareness and take action.

That's why I'm inviting your group to come to a central London location to join Friends of the Earth staff and local groups on a stall to talk to people about the urgent need to get the most polluting vehicles off our roads.

We'll be inviting people to decorate pollution masks and sign a pledge calling on the government to end diesel on our streets by 2025. The more activists who come along, the bigger buzz we can create and the more people we can engage.

I hope it will be a really nice opportunity to get groups from across London together to join forces and take action. I'll email details of the exact location as soon as possible, but I'll make sure it's somewhere that's easily accessible for all groups across the capital.

Whether or not you're currently signed up to the Clean Air campaign, it would be brilliant to see you there.

Please can you let me know if anyone from your group is interested in coming along, so I can get an early gauge of numbers?

Thanks, and hope to see you in January.

Climate and Energy, *continued*

WWF Scotland has stated that 'the reality is that off shore wind turbines are already making a significant contribution to the UK's power supply'.

'Climate Action' organised an anti Trump demonstration on November 25th outside the US Embassy after he had issued his views as a Climate Change denier. This was attended by two members of Bromley FoE and was no doubt a 'taster' of the many environmental demonstrations to come!

Generate Electricity at the Gym

Energy harnessed from exercise is a huge untapped source. At COP22, the UN's Global Climate Change Summit in Marrakesh, delegates at a green gym provided by the Great Outdoor Gym Company turned workouts into green watts by exercising on special bikes which generated electricity. When one considers the number of gyms in the world and the fashion/health commitment for 'working out', investment in these 'energy' bikes could become big business.

Buses: start the year with some cuts?

One visit to Oxford Street is enough to find it incredible the number of buses using the West End's major shopping street – it is just a continuous stream of red. Now Transport for London has started a consultation aimed at a 40 per cent cut. This would entail barring eight routes of the 23 that run in central London. Part of the reason for reducing routes is that pollution problems need to be addressed. Another reason is that new underground stations at Bond St and Tottenham Court Road will reduce the number of people using buses.

The consultation ends on January 29.

Fares freeze comes courtesy of the mayor

Largely hidden in the media was the announcement by the mayor that he has virtually frozen for four years transport fares for the capital. The claim is that this will save the average household £200.

The mayor does not have control over all fares in London, for instance, national rail fares will increase by 1.9% from 2017. However, any move to get more people using public transport is to be applauded.

Following a route to danger

America, where the car is still king, is beginning to drive itself into a precarious cul-de-sac on what to do about driver-less cars – a path that will, no doubt, be followed by Britain.

The concerns came to light when the state of California banned driver-less vehicles owned by Ueber from the

Streets of San Francisco because the cars were seen jumping red lights, which did not exactly, give confidence in the on-board computer system. On the other hand, Michigan, home of the US motor industry, passed rules allowing cars without drivers or a steering wheel, to be trialled on its roads.

Obviously, any such radical development such as this must go through an experimental stage and errors are bound to happen. There have already been deaths on the road involving so-called 'intelligent' cars. And, while it is early days, it would be folly to overlook claims that such cars can bring environmental benefits such as lower carbon emissions.

However, whether in America or the UK, the authorities should already be legislating to ensure that controls are strong enough. And that time is now – Ford reckons to have their driver-less car on the road in four years, along with Volvo, Nissan and Google-owned Waymo not far behind.

Electric vehicles get Government support

Meanwhile, the Government has pledged support for UK carmakers' efforts to improve battery power which is considered to be a major reason sales have not taken off. That may change in the next 18 months when Nissan, Renault and Chevrolet launch new electric models.

Jaguar recently launched an electric model and have called for a Government subsidy if it is to build a dedicated factory in the UK.

Nature news - Judy Palmer

Bees & Brexit

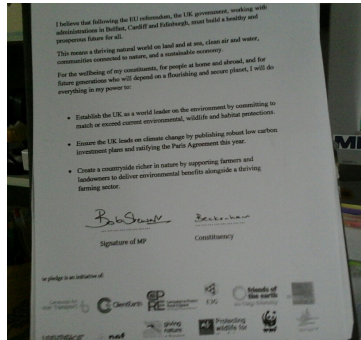
Here is a snapshot of some of our members at the December meeting with Nature Campaigner Paul de Zylva, with a poster celebrating the 3 year neonic-free anniversary. Thanks to everyone who took part in this.



You may remember that we presented cards to our three MPs this Autumn, asking them to sign an Environmental Pledge (see copy of card & signed pledge below)



and it is with great delight we can say that Ruth was successful in persuading the Beckenham MP Col. Bob Stewart to sign it! Many congratulations to Ruth on this success. Col. Stewart has joined the list of 145 (& counting) list of MPs who have done this.



EU Nature Laws saved!

Earlier this year we were urging people to sign a petition to the European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker asking him not to allow the Birds & Habitats Directive to be weakened.

And after half a million people did so, it is wonderful to say that they will be saved and not rewritten and weakened, ending two years of uncertainty over the laws' future. The Commission is also calling for a plan to better implement these laws.

The EU nature laws are fundamental to nature protection in Europe,

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Who are the dangerous extremists? – Paul Enock

Talking one day to one of the carers who comes to help look after my Mum, I mentioned I was going to a FoE meeting. She looked at me for a moment and said, quite dismissively, “Ah, those people who get angry and cause trouble because the world is not as perfect as they would like”.

Her reaction surprised me. Call me naïve, but I always expect others to share my concern for our environment. I find it hard to see how such a concern can be construed as wrong-headed idealism or even subversive extremism. The extent of my naivety was brought home a few days later when I read that anti-fracking campaigners were being bracketed with Nazi extremists and Islamic terrorists by some councils.

Of course, this sort of one-sided opinion about ‘crazy anti-progress extremists’ can come from relying on tabloid newspapers (as vast numbers in this country do) for information about threats to our environment. (In this respect, a more appropriate title for such publications would be: ‘The Daily Blindfold’.)

FoE’s message is that environmental problems affect all of us, in all our daily lives. The point seems obvious enough, but we should not underestimate the strength of the general tendency to deny it – and it is a tendency encouraged what I would call a “traditional scientific mindset”. Let me try and make this point clear by quoting from a 1998 book by a philosopher of science:

“Inherent in the scientific thought of the past centuries has been the resolve to create a representation of reality that is free of complexity. ... Phenomena that could not be reduced to the simplicity of ideal systems (i.e., closed systems) were to be disregarded.”
(H. Herrman)

The tendency is to avoid seeing connections between events that ‘belong in different boxes’. So if we need water, we secure a good water supply, and if we need energy to heat our homes, we allow fracking for gas – the idea that there might be a connection between fracking and the security of our water supply is resisted. Similarly, people prefer to treat other issues – e.g. their worries about climate change and their love of flying off to holidays abroad as ‘closed systems’ with no connection to each other.

But science has been changing. Towards the end of the last century, the life sciences came to appreciate that organisms are better understood by embracing complexity and treating phenomena as complex interactions between complex systems. Now even sciences like physics, traditionally thought to study ‘inert matter’, are beginning to agree that this complex-systems approach is more appropriate for them, too.

Of course, we ecological thinkers got there first. We have always pointed to the inter-connectedness of things.

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Miller's mutterings – Chris Miller

It works. Yes, all the crops that were drilled with the new system are looking good. With very even germination it enabled all the seedlings to come through together despite the lack of rain. The plants won't grow much taller but will thicken over the Winter.

The boys have started hedge cutting as this can only be carried out between 1st September and the end of February due to countryside regulations and they haven't been able to do this over the past few years due to wet conditions.

Cutting the hedges not only thickens them to makes barriers between fields and road but also provides shelter and safety for small birds enabling them to build their nests without fear of predation from magpies and other corvids. It is surprising how much growing area of the field is lost over the years due to hedge growth.

Also it is amazing that as they cut the hedge, how many small trees have started to grow in the uncultivated edge of the field, just makes you realise how fast nature would take over arable land if not controlled.

There are still plenty of jobs to do about the farm and over the past few days they have built a straw rake. Peter is a dab hand with a welder. He has attached tines to an obsolete piece of farm equipment so that they are approximately five inches apart.

They scratch the ground to encourage weed seeds to germinate and also to bring slug eggs to the surface enabling the sun to dry them out. Less use of

slug pellets which is always a good thing. Steve tried it out and it Works.

We have purchased a smaller tractor to replace the big old John Deere. It is a Deutz-Fahr with only 50 hours on the clock. Despite it being only 100-horse power it will still do all the jobs we need but will be a lot cheaper to run. It has all the up to date technology plus a lovely springy seat.

Who are the dangerous extremists - *continued*

In this respect we are the scientific realists and not – as some like to paint us – dangerous idealists with our heads in the clouds.

We see the connection between the massive use of herbicides and our dwindling insect populations, between fossil-fuel chemistry and the greenhouse effect, between climate change and mass migrations from land that is lost to rising sea levels, or too dry to support traditional agriculture, between forced migration and armed conflict.

It is the dogged, self-interested refusal to see these connections, to treat seriously the mounting evidence that these growing problems are interconnected with our carbon-rich lifestyles, that constitutes the true denial of present reality and the true ideological extremism that threatens us today.

Site G Update – Davina Misroch

Bromley Town Church (BTC)

The latest information from the Council for **Proposals for Site G Phase One** to include 300 flats, 1 GP surgery, 1 church. There are currently 2 developers (left out of 12) bidding with their respective proposals:

Proposal 1. After being temporarily re-sited during redevelopment works, BTC would return to where they are now, over two floors, with flats above the church and a complete underground car park the whole length of the site. There would be a side entrance from what is now Ethelbert Close to a central 'service area', with lifts, stairs, and services going up to flats above. It would mean the church would lose its big main hall space. The proposal shows 2 blocks, with 11 floors on the High Street side to 8 floors on Ethelbert Close, but that might change.

Proposal 2. BTC is relocated to where the Halifax is on the High Street, over two floors, with a 'viewing gallery' onto the forecourt or play area down below ... this will include restaurants directly opposite the entrance to the Churchill Theatre.

BTC is seeking double the square footage it has at present to accommodate growth of the church, expected with the new influx of residential units in the town centre.

One of the proposals, or any adjustments, has to be decided upon by end January 2017. Since the Council will have to relocate BTC for anything up to 3 years they have indicated that they might come back with an entirely different alternative site.

Proposals for Site G Phase Two

includes site with Salvation Army on it – early indications are that it will be 2021 when it will begin. This could possibly result in each church in the area being shunted along to occupy alternative sites or sites of previous churches to make way for redevelopment of residential units. Site 10 (new name for Site G) is showing proposals for 1,230 residential units, an increase from 1,100 in earlier plans for this Site.

In a letter from the Council dated 8th December 2016 just sent to the residents of Ethelbert Close the timetable for the process shows that it has slipped time-wise by about 4 months. The Council is currently selecting Preferred Partners, to be confirmed by February 2017. The selection of a Developer is not normally done in public because it involves financial negotiations.

Once the Developer has been selected, some publicity is expected about a scheme and probably some workshops conducted by the Developers, with consultation prior to a Planning Application – offering an opportunity to comment at that point by all interested parties - including: Friends of the Earth, Residents of Ethelbert Close, Bromley Civic Society, Friends of Community G, Bromley Town Church and any others.

There will be a further opportunity to comment on the Planning Application, scheduled for Autumn 2017. For the time being, objections can be lodged against the Draft LOCAL PLAN with the deadline due on 31st December 2016.

Greenpeace – Stop the attack on the UK solar industry

Greenpeace have recently sent this email to their supporters:

We've just found out that the government is about to attack solar power yet again. Unbelievably, ministers are planning to hit schools and businesses that invest in solar power with a huge tax hike.

Recent government funding cuts have already triggered thousands of job losses in the UK solar industry. But now, if changes to tax on solar panels are pushed through, experts are warning the solar industry will be left decimated.

This week marks exactly a year since the Paris climate deal was agreed by world leaders. So twelve months on from that historic moment for our planet, let's urgently tell the government it should be doubling down on investment in UK solar power -- not slamming the industry with colossal, unmanageable tax hikes.

Green, sustainable energy could play a crucial role in powering Britain, helping us to keep the lights on and to do our bit in slashing planet warming emissions.

With the right support, renewables could form a cornerstone of government plans to create new opportunities and new jobs after Brexit too. But instead of throwing its weight behind the industry, the government's new tax plan looks set to put more solar firms out of business.

In a world where Donald Trump wants to appoint oil barons and climate

change deniers to the highest levels of his government, it couldn't be more vital that we seize each chance to stick up for clean energy around the world -- and right now that means defending solar power in the UK. Please add your name to the petition and demand that the government urgently rethinks the solar tax hike plans.

For lots of people, choosing solar power isn't just about cutting emissions -- it's also about saving money. And up until now, businesses and schools that rolled out panels on their rooftops could stand to benefit from saving cash on their electricity bills. But the government's new tax plan is so severe that any savings could be diminished or even wiped out.

If installing panels no longer helps schools and businesses to save cash, solar firms fear the UK will see another catastrophic drop in the number of people choosing to put panels on their rooftops.

Zoe, who works for a solar firm near Brighton, sums up the bleak reality the industry faces: "Our business has already been hugely damaged by the huge [government] cuts. If these taxes are bought in it will be the final nail in the coffin."

If you agree ministers should go back to the drawing board and rethink government plans for such severe tax hikes on solar, please click below to sign the petition which is on the Greenpeace website at <http://bit.ly/2gOmQW5>. It'll only take 30 seconds to add your name.

The continuation page

Climate and Energy – Eco Council Housing

A Cardiff University report claims that the UK housing stock is among the least energy efficient in Europe. To address this we need a modern 21st century eco-council housing programme.

Instead of solar panels being installed onto roofs, with eco-housing the solar panels are the roof - i.e. integrated into the fabric of the building.

The main problems are the aesthetic quality, the fact that they're currently being built on a tiny scale, and finally that no political force with the potential for power has committed to supporting its implementation.

Note – This was originally submitted for the previous newsletter, but there wasn't room for it then.

Air pollution monitoring tubes

Following the air pollution monitoring in September/October, we have been given a further supply of diffusion tubes to measure air quality around the Borough. Paul Enock kindly agreed to co-ordinate this. The Freshwater Habitats monitoring is continuing.

Note – This was at the end of the item on the Air Pollution day of action.

Nature News - continued

safeguarding more than 1,400 threatened species and one million square kilometres of natural habitats in Europe that fall under their protection.

They are also enormously popular, and have been fiercely defended by scientists, the public, businesses, the European Parliament and national governments.

This is a win for people-power and common sense and not political red-tape, but of course we now need to persuade our Government not to weaken environmental laws in the UK.

2017 – this will be a busy year for nature campaigners! As we end 2016 Annette and I would like to thank you all for helping us with our Bee/Nature campaigning, we couldn't do it without you!

A fantastic 15,000 people took part in the Great British Bee Count in 2016 – so we hope to do even better in 2017 campaigning on bees and nature. If the bees could say thank you, they would



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Reuser Column
Don't throw It away - Reuse It!

If you have any items to sell, or anything that you require, please send details to the Editor. Items will be displayed for three months, the number in brackets after an item indicating for how long it has appeared. Could you please contact us if an item has been sold/obtained, so that it can be removed from the newsletter?

Any donations to Bromley FoE generated from this column gratefully received!

Non-members' Section

If you are not a member of Bromley Friends of the Earth, BFoE, then hello. 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 co-ordinators Sheila Brown (01689-851605) or Ann Garrett (020-8460-1295); their email addresses are on the previous page. Alternatively, you can come along to one of our free monthly meetings held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Friends Meeting House, Ravensbourne Road, and Bromley (that's towards the bottom of the High Street and on the right going south). If you would like to join us then please fill in and send us the form below.

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

Please return this form to: **Bromley FoE, 2 Bucks Cross Cottages, Chelsfield Village, Orpington, and Kent, BR6 7RN**. Other enquiries regarding the group: may be sent by email to *bromleyfoe@gmail.com*, or telephone our co-ordinators at the telephone numbers above.

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