

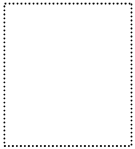


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## July Meeting

*Friends Meeting House,  
Ravensbourne Road, Bromley*

### **Common Fisheries Policy**

*Bill Rigby from Marinet speaks about Common  
Fisheries Policy Reform  
What effect will this have? A 'post mortem'*

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - 7.30pm.**

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**Diary dates:**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Tues)**

July 8<sup>th</sup> (Sun)

July 14<sup>th</sup> (Sat)

July 15<sup>th</sup> (Sun)

**Aug 7<sup>th</sup> (Tues)**

**Sept 14/16**

**Bromley FoE's July Meeting** – Marinet; speaker is Bill Rigby

Keston Countryside Day

Chelsfield Village Fair

Commonwork Open Day at Bore Place (see below)

**Bromley FoE's August meeting** – Richard Aylard, CVO,

Director of Sustainability at Thames Water

**FoE local groups conference**, Imperial College, London. See page 7 for more info

**Commonwork Annual Open Day**

**Sunday 15 July – 11am to 5 pm**

at Bore Place, Chiddingstone, TN8 7AR

**Between Edenbridge and Tonbridge**

Directions: Turn off B2027 between Chiddingstone Causeway and Bough Beech and follow signs to Bore Place.

Shuttle minibus will run regularly from Tonbridge station from 10.30 am.

Further details 01732-463255 or beckyb@commonwork.org

Or download the event flier from [www.commonwork.org](http://www.commonwork.org)

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**Reuser Column [1]**

**Don't throw it away - Reuse It!**

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The editor reserves the right to shorten contributions for space, or other, reasons

## Report on visit to Bullers Wood School, Ann Garrett

This took place on June 12<sup>th</sup> instead of our normal meeting and was organised by Sue and John Boccock, to whom many thanks are due. It was also well attended by members of our group.

The tour of the grounds was conducted by Martin Bishop, the site manager, who was helped by his son, and was most enjoyable and informative.

There are about 25 acres of woodland belonging to the school, which is an enormous challenge for the site team. There hasn't been enough money to do much tree management since Victorian times, but Martin and his staff of three, which includes his son, are doing a tremendous job. They are hoping to get some parents involved eventually.

Martin showed us round the school library before going outside, famed for its William Morris ceiling design, and his office full of interesting project photographs and plans. Near the office is an animal house where injured and stray birds and wild mammals are kept till they are able to fend for themselves. After this the tour of some of the grounds began.

We descended a very steep path and steps to a lake which contained many species of water insects and creatures, and then walked along more paths through the woods, where John Boccock provided information about oak trees, and soil structures - a mixture of chalk and sandstone. Some of the trees are hundreds of years old, but many are struggling for light as there is serious overcrowding.

We then reached an area where Martin and his team have been making seating and safety barriers out of felled wood. Finally we came to a space near the school building which is useful for Bullers Wood staff and pupils, which included hedgehog and bird houses and wormeries, demonstrating how recycled materials can be used to create a nature learning space.

The rain managed to keep off and although the sun didn't appear, there were beautiful fresh smells of plants and foliage. All rather tired and muddy we then made our way to the lovely old Imperial pub in Chislehurst for a warm-up get-together and welcome drinks! Martin and his son joined us and we thanked them for a great time and wished them luck with their commitments and projects. We look forward to keeping in touch with Martin, a man who has a dedicated passion for his work.

### **"Hard Rain Project" – exhibition of photos in London**

The Romantic poet William Wordsworth wrote some 200 years ago that "we are out of tune" with nature. Fifty years ago, Bob Dylan offered dozens of examples of this discord in his song "A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall". This inspired Mark Edwards, who achieves his own poetry through photography, to illustrate each of the song's lines with a photo. Some 15 million people, all over the planet, have seen the resulting exhibition. This can currently be viewed on the railings on the northern side of St-Martin-in-the-Fields Church, London (just across the road from Charing Cross Station).

## Response to last month's letter from the editor (1)

There were just two responses to my letter on page 3 of last month's newsletter – from Ray Watson and Judy Palmer. Here's what Ray and Judy had to say.

### Over to you – from Ray Watson

Last month's plea by John Street, editor of the Newsletter, for more articles and news items from BFoE members, has not been ignored by several members of the group. They recognise not only the work involved in producing the Newsletter every month, but also its crucial role in keeping members informed of opinions and arguments on environmental issues as well as the group's campaigns and events.

The Newsletter is almost as old as the group itself (40 years) and it forms a necessary part of the glue that keeps us together. Running BFoE would be considerably more difficult without it. We would also lose the Newsletter's ability to influence those outside the group who receive it because they are opinion formers.

However, as John said in his article, to continue to make it worthwhile, the Newsletter requires more input from group members. As it is, few members make any form of contribution, large or small. This is surprising because by their very membership, group members obviously have a detailed interest in environmental issues. They surely have a view to express or information to pass on.

Articles based on 'outside' sources fill a large proportion of the Newsletter.

Obtaining these adds to the editor's workload and, more to the point, means that the Newsletter does not accurately reflect the amount of work being put in by campaigning members. That said, 'outside' articles selected by John do offer a different viewpoint; for instance, Press releases from national FoE have their place in informing the group on the wider activities of the organisation.

Is change possible? Here are some ideas:

The group's campaigning activities can be more fully reported; there are environmental stories everywhere in the media that are a useful springboard to a Newsletter item – large or small – for commenting on, or passing on facts; the local Press can be another source of information and ideas.

Members who receive information from other organisations can use that to pass on information for publication in the Newsletter (see for example the article in this issue taken from the Campaign for Better Transport newsletter); if you specialise in a particular area of interest, the internet is an ideal source for ideas that lead to a Newsletter contribution.

This is the information age – and the information is available to all group members for turning into items for the Newsletter.

The Newsletter – and the editor -- deserves your support. Please do not leave it to others.

## Response to last month's letter from the editor (2)

### And here's what Judy had to say –

In response to your letter in the June newsletter re newsletter content and long term aims, I would like to put forward a few thoughts:

I was wondering if the group could have a paper newsletter but promote the on-line one to gradually cut down on the paper version. I will go for the on-line one now, so please take me off the list! In order to help promote this, could Ray (or a designated person) send out an email reminder that it has been published on-line? Are there more members who could be added to the email data base?

A number of years ago the group brain-stormed ideas regularly on

- how many local campaigns we did versus national
- whether we could ever have a local office
- whether we could have satellite "hubs" in the borough
- questionnaires sent out on different topics
- how to involve more people & the local press.

Does the group feel that these topics are back to being relevant in the current climate. Is a re-focus for the group needed?

Just a few thoughts for discussion.

*Editor's note - Ann and Sheila, joint co-ordinators, have asked me to add that "this question will be discussed at our July meeting and we welcome your views."*

### Commonwork Open Day at Bore Place – 15 July 2012

Events include children's activities, tours of gardens, kitchen and market gardens, market stalls, live music and global books, local, organic and fairly-traded food, tasty, healthy treats, milking parlour, butter making and milky wheys, traditional coppice crafts, spinning wool and natural dyes.

See also the new turbine harness the power of the wind and check out how it and the new photovoltaic panels are adding to the renewable energy at Bore Place. Ask the experts and find out how renewable energy could work for you. Entry fee covers all activities. Adults £6, children (2-18) and concessions £3.

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### Help us cut our costs

Postal charges alone now mean that the cost of producing this Newsletter is 50p for each issue or £6 a year -- eating up 75% of the annual subscription rate. And that is without the cost of print and paper.

But there is a way of cutting this cost: you can receive it by email or see it on the BFoE website [www.bromleyfoe.co.uk](http://www.bromleyfoe.co.uk). Of course, that also helps the environment. Indeed, some group members argue that the Newsletter should be only be produced electronically. Do you favour that?

Very few of our members currently receive the Newsletter electronically. Will you make the change? If so, contact membership secretary Dan Sloan at [dansloan@chelsfield.org](mailto:dansloan@chelsfield.org)

### **Crystal Palace Park Update**

Residents have lost their fight to block the £68 million development in Crystal Palace Park. They had opposed the regeneration scheme, which includes two housing developments, saying it would threaten other open spaces and harm bat commuting routes across the park.

After a lengthy battle, a High Court judge has backed Communities Secretary Eric Pickle's decision to grant outline planning permission to the master plan.

You probably remember that our FoE group have been involved in the campaign and some members attended the public enquiry. We had also written on several occasions objecting to the master plan, so this is a disappointing result.

Supporters for the development have said that the sell off of land was needed as it will raise £12.8 million to help fund improvements to the park.

### **Giant windfarm to power London**

A vast windfarm in the Thames Estuary that will eventually supply enough electricity to power a quarter of London's homes is nearing completion. It will start sending electricity into the National Grid next spring.

The first phase, of 175 turbines, of the £1.7 billion project will generate 630 megawatts of power - enough to supply 470,000 homes. The second phase will bring the total to 217 turbines, giving 1000 mw of power, enough for 750,000 homes.

### **Rio +20 Conference**

At the time of writing this article, the conference on sustainable development has just begun in Rio de Janeiro., so we are thinking of the delegates and hoping for a successful outcome. It will feature about 50,000 people including individuals from different organisations and NGOs, environmental activists, scientists and business leaders.

Population and consumption will be top of the agenda and the conference will end on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a report of the outcomes in the next newsletter.

### **UN Report - Earth is at Tipping Point**

The UN has warned that the Earth's environmental systems are being pushed towards their bio-physical limits, beyond which loom sudden, irreversible, and potentially catastrophic changes.

The UN Environmental Programme Agency (UNEP) has painted a grim picture in their June 7<sup>th</sup> report, of melting ice caps, desertification in Africa, deforestation of tropical jungles, spiralling use of chemicals and the emptying out of the world's seas.

Although this is nothing new to FoE campaigners, it is vital that reports like these go to governments to awaken them to the serious reality of environmental damage. The report has been compiled over the last three years by a team of 300 researchers, and is being presented at the Rio conference.

## Campaigns, Climate and Energy – *continued*

### Bee Cause and Clean British Energy campaign stall

Many thanks to those who turned up for a very successful afternoon on June 16th – see photo below. Although we didn't have the official FoE bee costumes, two people managed to devise bee outfits.

The new bright T-shirts, windmills and badges attracted people to the stall which we put up in the Mall precinct as it was so windy. Quite a few cards were signed and a lot of young people showed interest.

### Press release for Bromley FoE Bee Cause Campaign

Bromley Friends of the Earth campaigners held a stall in the Mall Precinct in Bromley on June 16th to promote the protection of Britain's bees.

They asked members of the public to sign cards to be sent to David Cameron to commit to a National Bee Action Plan. There is great concern about the future of bees due to viruses and pollution, and it is important to make sure that the government has the experts needed to do research and become practically involved.



## The Past – and the Future – is Green!

Each year Bromley Council gives environmental awards, with categories aimed at rewarding good works by individuals and groups. This year, as part of BFoE's 40th anniversary we submitted an entry. We did not win, but our submission is a useful summary of what we do and what we have achieved:

### **The Past – and the Future – is Green!** A submission by Bromley Friends of the Earth

Bromley Friends of the Earth has been telling the environmental story almost before the word 'environment' became part of our daily life. And this year it is now celebrating 40 years of campaigning on local and national issues, aiming to open minds to the stresses man is causing the planet and what can be done about it.

Started in 1972 by a group of Bromley enthusiasts, it was one of the first local groups to take up Green campaigning. Indeed, in the Seventies the group ran a collection scheme for tin cans and waste paper, long before the council started its recycling initiative!

It is independent and non-political but does not shrink from challenging organisations and official bodies in order to put forward constructive policies to protect the environment.

### **What we do**

Bromley FoE supports campaigns by national Friends of the Earth by arguing its case with local MPs, councils and other organisations, urging local residents to sign a petition or put their view in writing. We meet the public in

high streets in various parts of the borough, attend summer fetes and other gatherings and give talks in schools.

Campaigns in the borough have recently included encouraging a higher level of recycling – including working with Bromley Council in promoting this – opposing over-development in the borough, making efforts to protect the Green Belt, supporting schemes to promote the use of sustainable energy in the home and urging people to Shop Local, Buy Local.

### **Who we are**

Members of the group come from all walks of life and all parts of the borough. They are dedicated to protecting the environment. At our monthly meetings we invite a wide variety of speakers, who cover many and varied subjects – the cost of nuclear power, improving public transport, planning policy, and bio-diversity. Plus we have had presentations by local councillors, council officers and MPs. One recent highlight was a lecture on *How Green is Europe?* by a Member of the European Parliament.

At the same time, the group welcomes the chance to debate an opposite view and values highly the educational aspect of its activities.

### **What we believe**

Our task is to ensure that the environmental message is put forward whenever we can influence a decision.

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## Is it ever possible for us to love Nuclear Power? *Peter Gandolfi*

This short article is intended to be thought provoking, as I do feel that some 'environmentalists' can have preconceived opinions, and appear unwilling to change them even when other evidence becomes available.

Nuclear power has been tainted with its previous close links with nuclear weapons, and it is true that present nuclear power generation produces some long term actinides (around one ton of spent fuel produces around 10kg of high level waste) with half lives in thousands of years. Without this problem would nuclear power become more acceptable?

Nuclear waste occurs because neutrons generated in the reactor occasionally get absorbed by a uranium atom, leading to the production of heavier elements such as plutonium, americium and neptunium. It is these that will remain dangerously radioactive for tens or even hundreds of thousands of years.

Neutrons also offer the way to clean up this waste. If a high energy neutron strikes an atom of one of these actinides, it can cause the atom to fragment, leading to lighter elements that are much less of a problem.

Producing a neutron generator to transmute nuclear waste would be possible but would be horrendously expensive, but a neater, cheaper solution is possible.

Thorium was used in early prototype reactors in the 1970's, at a time when new uranium reserves were being

discovered. It suffered the disadvantage of not producing bomb making material, and was not developed further at this time. Thorium also has the interesting property of not itself being fissile; unlike uranium it cannot easily undergo a chain reaction. This is because it soaks up neutrons, and it needs more neutrons than it generates to sustain a nuclear reaction.

It also produces much less dangerous waste, and interestingly is capable of using waste from other nuclear reactors to produce the neutrons to initiate fission. This leads to the interesting potential at present under consideration.

If a reactor is made using a mixture of thorium and high level waste from other nuclear reactors, the neutrons produced by the high level waste act on the thorium to initiate fission and produce energy. The neutron activity produced within the reactor is also capable of breaking down the high level waste into smaller and safer fragments, resulting in a reactor capable of producing energy from a readily available material (thorium is much more available than uranium and is safer to mine and produce) and also capable of converting our present stockpile of high level waste to much safer and less radioactive materials.

### **What is there not to like?**

We do seriously need to consider methods of power generation that do not produce greenhouse gases, and capable of continuous high level output, something that all present 'green' solutions lack.

## Letter to Environment Agency re nuclear power – and reply

**Adrian Appley sent this letter** to Lord Chris Smith, Chair of the Environment Agency recently –

Dear Lord Smith,

I have just been listening to your interview on Radio 4's "Today" programme regarding the nuclear power programme in which you confirmed the government's commitment to. You people conveniently "forget" just how dangerous nuclear power is and Japan is a classic example of this.

Fortunately for the world Japan has realised this after their horrific experiences of leaking radiation after the disasters they experienced with the result that they have had the sense to close their reactors down. What a shame the business world has such a stranglehold on "our" government that you would not be permitted to follow the Japanese example. Another thing you folks "forget" is the annoying fact you can never make nuclear waste safe and so it will be risking the health of future generations forever.

For goodness sake be honest and admit nuclear power is a classic non starter.

### **and received this reply -**

Thank you for your email of 8 May 2012 about my interview on the Today programme on BBC Radio 4.

I do understand and appreciate the views you express about nuclear power; it is a contentious subject that raises a lot of issues which I take very

seriously. However, I believe that climate change presents the greatest threat to our world and I remain convinced that nuclear generation can be part of the solution.

The very large earthquake that struck Japan, the largest ever recorded there, and the tsunami that followed, had tragic consequences. The tsunami's impact on the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant started a very serious nuclear accident and efforts to recover from that event continue.

Dr Mike Weightman, the Chief Inspector of the Office for Nuclear Regulation, has considered very carefully the circumstances of the accident and any implications for the UK.

The Environment Agency contributed to his work, particularly on the flood risks around nuclear sites. Dr Weightman's report concluded that "... our consideration of the events in Japan, and the possible lessons for the UK, has not revealed any significant weakness in the UK nuclear licensing regime."

In conjunction with the Office for Nuclear Regulation we are currently assessing two new reactor designs and have set out our interim conclusions and findings. These include addressing lessons learnt from Fukushima. As regulators we will ensure that any new reactors proposed here meet the very high standards of safety, security, waste management and environmental protection that we expect.  
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## So Boris is in for another four years. What can we look forward to?

When it comes to an important issue like transport what may we expect from London mayor Boris Johnson? Chris Barker of the Campaign for Better Transport reviews the situation in this article reproduced from the Campaign's Newsletter:

The most notable change in policy when he came to power was his declaration of war against non-motorists. The formula which puts pedestrians at the top of a hierarchy and motorists at the bottom was formally abandoned. His main priority has been to keep traffic, of which most is private cars, moving, and this remains his aim.

He says he will establish a major review of London's road network, making journeys more reliable and dealing with congestion black spots. Of course this will not only benefit motorists because bus passengers also suffer from road congestion, although measures to help them, such as more bus lanes do not figure.

To be fair, the stated aim is to make London's roads safe for all users and it includes the redesign of gyratories, more shared space schemes and a control of congestion caused by road works by introducing a lane rental scheme.

But other proposals are clearly likely to benefit drivers more than other road users. A new road tunnel between Greenwich and Silvertown is planned. Proposals to change traffic light timings and to remove traffic lights from some junctions are likely to speed

motor traffic at the expense of pedestrians and cyclists.

He also proposes to 'call on each borough to review parking in non-residential, strategic shopping areas, to see if it can be managed in a way that reduces any negative impact on businesses'.

The implication that more and easier car parking leads to increased local business activity is one which in many areas has been seen not to be true. He also sets himself against a 'pay as you go' scheme for drivers, to extension of the congestion charge zone or higher charges for larger cars.

Boris has always presented himself as the cyclist's friend and he boasts about his cycle super highways and his cycle hire scheme. Both are due for expansion, but some of the important issues are not being tackled vigorously enough. The cycle super highways tend to peter out where they are most needed and the hire scheme, although it is due to be expanded, is not due to be rolled out into outer London.

Boris promises to protect the bus network, although there is no indication that inflation busting fare increases will end. But he also intends to continue lavishing money on his 'new bus' with a rollout of 600 by the end of his second term as Mayor.

There is some good news on the rail front if he sticks to his plans. Following the runaway success of TfL's takeover of some urban rail routes under the

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## FoE say - UK Govt slammed over watered down new EU energy saving rules

Commenting on the UK's role in weakening the European Energy Efficiency Directive, agreed late last night between the Danish Presidency and the European Parliament, Friends of the Earth Energy Campaigner Dave Timms said:

"The UK Government played a significant role in weakening the directive by opposing an overall binding energy saving target and insisting on loopholes so it could meet its obligation by claiming credit for old energy efficiency policies.

"Undermining European efforts to promote energy efficiency while proclaiming the benefits at home is both dishonest and damaging - especially from the self-proclaimed 'greenest Government ever'.

"Introducing ambitious binding energy saving policies and targets would hugely boost European efforts to cut energy bills, reduce our reliance on dirty gas and oil imports and create new jobs and growth.

"The measures in the new directive are a step forward but it falls short of the huge stride a strong treaty would have brought."

Notes to editors:

1. Some key points agreed or not agreed by the EU last night include:

- Overall the directive is projected to deliver a 15% energy saving compared to projected 2020 primary energy consumption (based on Business As

Usual from 2009) this includes all sectors of the economy e.g. transport and power generation, buildings. This is up from a pre-directive projection of 9% energy saving. For this reason the new directive is obviously a step forward but not enough of one to meet the necessary 20% saving.

- Article 3 - This does not contain an overall binding EU energy saving target of 20% as the European Parliament had been demanding. The UK opposed setting a binding EU 20% target to replace the current non-binding one. It does contain a figure 1474 Mtoe (million tonnes of oil equivalent) for the first time. This is a proper expression of the current non-binding 20% energy saving target. So at least we will now be able to accurately measure by how much the EU is likely to miss its target.

- Article 3a - EU Member States have to produce a long term roadmap to show how they will renovate all buildings. This is a good addition to the Directive, which the European Parliament proposed.

- Article 4 - Is a target to renovate (to increase the energy efficiency) 3% of central government owned and occupied public buildings annually. The UK was instrumental in stopping this applying to all public buildings not just those of central government (e.g. local authorities). This means only 1% of EU buildings compared with what would have covered over 10% of buildings.

## FoE - Best of British awarded 'CBE' medals in drive for Clean British Energy

Queen Victoria, Sir Winston Churchill and Sir Alf Ramsey are just some of the Great Britons around the country to have been decorated with an alternative 'CBE' medal today [Thursday 14 June 2012].

The awards mark a new link-up between Friends of the Earth and the UK's only specialist green energy providers, Good Energy and Ecotricity, aimed at boosting clean British power.

Morning commuters and passers-by were surprised to see the oversized red, white and blue 'CBE' medals around the necks of statues of iconic Brits. The statues were carefully selected to represent the 'Best of British' and include pioneering industrialists, giants of science, political heavyweights, sporting legends, cultural icons and folk heroes.

Members of the public are being urged to back the campaign - and show their support for renewable power by switching their energy supply to one of the two suppliers - at the campaign website <http://www.cleanbritishenergy.co.uk/>.

The Clean British Energy campaign calls on the Prime Minister to cut carbon emissions and create new jobs and industries by supporting home-grown energy from the wind, sun and water. Recent polling by Friends of the Earth shows 85 per cent of people in the UK want Cameron to ditch dirty, imported fossil fuels in favour of renewable power sourced in the UK.

Friends of the Earth's Head of Campaigns **Andrew Pendleton** said:

"The people who have received medals today played a part in making Britain great and David Cameron has a chance to do the same - his Energy Bill should switch the country to clean British energy and put our country at the forefront of this new industrial revolution.

"Our research shows that most people want more of their electricity to come from renewable energy - not dirty and expensive imported fossil fuels.

**Dale Vince**, founder of the world's first green electricity company, Ecotricity, said:

"This campaign is about giving voice to the vast majority of Britons who want our energy companies and our government to take the long term view and do what's right for Britain."

**Juliet Davenport**, founder and CEO of 100% renewable electricity supplier Good Energy, said:

"Renewable energy sourced in the UK is better for our energy security and will lead to lower and more stable prices in the long run.

"People need to send a strong message to the government that they've got a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get this right; if they blow it we'll be tied into gas and expensive nuclear and prices will continue to spiral higher."

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### **Four more years of Boris –** *continued from page 11*

'Overground' flag, he proposes to lobby the Government to 'devolve rail franchising powers to the Mayor so that TfL can specify the standards to be achieved by private train operating companies'.

He also intends to push for Crossrail 2 (Hackney to Chelsea), electrification of Gospel Oak to Barking and expansion of DLR to Bromley. He is weaker on tram extensions, proposing only a Tramlink extension to Crystal Palace. His proposals for driverless tube trains are likely to fall foul of his confrontational approach to the unions.

So, to sum up. Boris's main aim is to minimise expenditure so as to freeze the Mayoral share of Council Tax. He rejects new ways of raising money, such as a road user charge and higher congestion charge for larger cars. The result will be a severe restriction on improvements to services for the majority of Londoners.

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### **Environment Agency letter to** **Adrian Appley – cont'd from page 10**

The Environment Agency is responsible for making sure that disposals of radioactive waste are safe. The government through its "Managing Radioactive Waste Safely" programme is seeking to secure a storage facility deep underground that would be used for long lived radioactive wastes.

We will ensure that any proposals for disposal facilities that come forward are safe and meet the high standards that we require.

If you would like to discuss this further please contact Alan McGoff, who leads for us on new nuclear build and will be happy to help you.

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### **Bromley FoE and environment** **awards – continued from page 8**

Bromley FoE is proud to have helped bring the Green story to the fore over the past 40 years. It is part of the borough's fabric. We look forward to continuing to tell the story to all Bromley residents.

*To mark our submission the judges sent the group a £20 voucher, commenting: 'Our thanks for everything the group does to protect the environment'.*

### **Free money!**

The Bromley FoE July meeting has two very good additional reasons for you to attend – there will be two chances to win a £10 Coolings Garden Centre voucher via a free raffle.

The group won the vouchers as a prize for its submission to the annual Bromley Environmental Awards. Remember, if you are not in it, you cannot win it!

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### Letters to the Editor

Why not write us a letter if you have a strong opinion on something or just want to share your thoughts. Send them in and perhaps even start a discussion - who knows.

### Need a lift to meetings?

If you require a lift to Bromley FoE meetings, please contact Ray Watson or Sheila Brown on the numbers shown above.

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**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, 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.

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

Please return this form to: **Bromley FoE, 2 Bucks Cross Cottages, Chelsfield Village, Orpington, Kent, BR6 7RN**. Other enquiries regarding the group should be sent to: Birch House, Grays Road, Westerham, Kent, TN16 2JB; phone 01959-571566, email [r.watson865@btinternet.com](mailto:r.watson865@btinternet.com).

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