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June Meeting

Due to the Jubilee Bank Holiday, our meeting on the first Tuesday in June has been replaced by a -

Field Trip to Bullers Wood School

Meet at Bullers Wood School, Chislehurst just before 7.30 pm (more details on page 2). We will be given a guided tour of the woodland habitat by Martin Bishop. The evening will conclude at a local pub.

Tuesday 12th June - 7.30pm.

Copy for the next Newsletter must be with the Editor by

SUNDAY 17TH JUNE.

Contact details inside front cover.

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St Mary Cray country market is moving – see page 14

Diary dates:

June 5th (Tues)	NO JUNE MEETING because of the Jubilee bank holiday
June 6 th (Wed)	Orpington Country Market, Village Hall, Orpington 10 -11.30
June 12th (Tues)	Field Trip to Bullers Wood School woodland habitat; see below for more info
June 13 th (Wed)	St Mary Cray Country Market at new venue: The Duke Centre, Park Road, St Mary Cray 9am to 11am. <i>See page 14</i>
June 16th (Sat)	Bromley FoE campaign stall, Bromley High Street
July 3rd (Tues)	Bromley FoE's July Meeting - Marinet
July 8 th (Sun)	Keston Countryside Day
July 14 th (Sat)	Chelsfield Village Fair
Sept 14/16	FoE local groups conference, Imperial College, London. See page 7 for more info

June meeting – It's on TUESDAY JUNE 12TH

Visit to Bullers Wood School

Please meet by the school gate in St. Nicholas Lane (first right from the top end of Logs Hill Chislehurst) at 7.25pm for a 7.30pm start.

Martin Bishop (Site manager at Bullers Wood School) will be giving us an update on grounds. This will last about an hour, after which we shall be walking to one of the local hostleries.

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!

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Letter from the editor

Contributions wanted from Bromley FoE members

The editor writes:

In this edition of the newsletter, only 2 of the 12 pages, apart from this one, between pages 3 and 14 were actually written by members – the May meeting report and the Campaigns, Climate and Energy reports. The St Mary Cray market ad was sent in by a member and the item headed “It’s time to see things differently” may also have been sent in by a member, but as it was sent anonymously it’s difficult to say.

To my mind, this newsletter needs contributions from you, that’s Bromley FoE members, to make it worthwhile. Or is this an old-fashioned, outdated view and in reality all that you want from this newsletter is regurgitated FoE press releases and info from other organisations to fill it up?

Second class postage has gone up from 36p to 50p – that’s an extra £1.68 per person for a year’s supply of newsletters. Is it still worth having a newsletter that’s posted out? Can Bromley FoE afford it? Or should the newsletter become a proper online only publication?

So – in the short term, this is a plea to readers for articles for the newsletter, on anything you think relevant to Bromley FoE.

And in the longer term, it’s an attempt to obtain answers to the question of whether Bromley FoE should have a newsletter at all and if so, what format it should take?

I look forward to receiving your considered comments.

The editor’s contact details are at the bottom of page 2.

FoE says – It's time to see things differently

Andy Atkins, FoE's Chief Executive, writes:

Our vision of the future is simple: we need a new positive relationship between people and the planet. If we're to win the transformational changes necessary to achieve this vision, then we need many more people joining forces with us. So this year, as we launch new campaigns that demand this change, we are refreshing the way we come across to inspire others to add their voice to ours.

At the heart of Friends of the Earth is the powerful idea that the well-being of people and the planet go hand-in-hand, and at our best, we bring people together to win campaigns that safeguard both.

What makes us successful is the fresh perspective we can bring to the challenges we all face; we see ideas, solutions, new innovative ways of living that are good for people as well as our environment. And our power rises from the collective force of people campaigning together in communities, online and around the world.

Our new approach to communicating builds on these strengths, opening the door for new people to join with us. We want to show the world that we are more innovative, relevant and effective than ever before, rising to the challenges of the environmental crisis we face with bold ideas that deliver lasting change.

What are we refreshing?

- New slogan: capturing the essence of Friends of the Earth - see things differently - both an assertion of our strength, and a positive challenge to others.
- Updated logo: more contemporary whilst retaining our distinctiveness and familiarity. to freshen up Bold vibrant colours: our look and feel.
- Attitude: speaking confidently as a movement that is proud of what it stands for, and inclusive to everyone who wants to take action for the environment.

But this is about more than how we look.

"See things differently" is what we are about and that's what we'll emphasise even more in the future. Over the coming months we're going to sound a bit different — playing harder than ever to the message that we all need to see things differently if we're to overcome some huge environmental challenges.

I passionately believe that the change we need is not only necessary, but possible and already starting to happen. Thank you for all the dedicated campaigning you already do locally and on national issues. Together, we can win our campaigns this year to transform the energy system and restore the bee population in the UK. Let's welcome many more people into our groups and campaigns and bring about this change together.

It's time to see things differently.

May meeting report – Ray Watson

FoE's newest campaign proclaims: We need bees, and right now they need us. This insect, crucial to pollinating plants that form a large part of our food supply, is under threat and FoE wants government action to protect them.

The facts behind all this were carefully explained by BFoE's own Peter Gandolfi, a bee-keeper of many years experience. He pointed out that a quarter of all UK bee types are officially listed as endangered and that without bees to pollinate plants and flowers everyday food items like beans and fruit would not be available. Nor would some dairy products and meat – the latter because cows need a diet of various plants as well as grass. Without bees, farmers would have to spend £1.8billion on finding alternative ways of pollination.

Peter began by explaining that bees have been around for many centuries, having been found in amber deposits, being depicted in ancient rock art and there was evidence that they were in China three thousand years ago.

There were over 260 different types of bee in the UK, primarily ones who lived in hives, bumble bees and solitary bees who lived alone and laid their eggs in small holes or cracks in wood or rocks. The hive bees were not brilliant at pollinating – they were lazy in comparison with the bumble bee and did not work in cold weather.

Their pollinating work was crucial because it was reckoned that 90 per cent of Britain's wild plants were pollinated by them.

Hive bees would forage for nectar over long distances and on returning to the hive would communicate to other bees the location and the quality they had discovered. In winter the hive bees would rely on the nectar they had stored and would form a tight 'group hug' to retain warmth. The worker bees relied on the queen for their existence – when she died, they all died.

So, what are the threats to their existence? Peter said there were several, and not all had been fully researched. He quoted the mystery in the USA where millions of bees, used to pollinate vast fruit and vegetable farms, just disappeared without explanation – called colony collapse disorder.

Other reasons were changes in farming habits, insecticide poisoning, pollution and climate change. However, a larger threat came from a newly-appeared mite called Varro which sucked the blood of bees, eventually killing them or making them weak so that they succumbed to other diseases.

Another danger was the simple matter of a hive being moved even for as short a distance as a meter, confusing the bee's navigation system so that they missed the hive.

Summing up, Peter said that positive action could be taken to help bees – for example people could use bee friendly plants, educate others about the threat, encourage parks to set

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Campaigns, Climate and Energy – Ann Garrett

June 16th campaign stall - The Bee Cause

A reminder that this is outside Caffe Nero in Bromley High Street from 2.30 - 4.30 pm with all the new brightly-coloured campaign materials! Many thanks to those who have offered to help. If it rains we will be in the Mall Precinct near Argos. We are well-briefed after Peter Gandolfi's useful talk.

People might also like to know that the London Green Fair is on June 9th and 10th in Regents Park - Camden Town end - from about 12noon to 7pm and that the Permaculture Festival is on July 21st at Cecil Sharp House, Regents Park, Camden, from 11.00am to 6.00pm

Japan's Atomic Plants

Thousands of people marched through the streets of Tokyo on May 5th to celebrate the closure of the last of Japan's 50 nuclear reactors. The switch-off meant that the country, for the first time since 1970, was being electrified without the use of atomic power. There is a danger that Japan will continue to have power shortages without nuclear technology, but marchers have been insistent that they think Japan can manage. Before this crisis, Japan relied on nuclear for a third of its electricity needs.

No reactors which have been checked during the last 12 months have been re-opened, and there is a ground-swell of public opinion that nuclear is far too dangerous after the Fukushima accident.

Power shortages will only occur at peak times, and although the response from people living near the power plants has been mixed mainly owing to the threat to jobs, the Government is clearly listening to the anti-nuclear lobby. If Japan pushes ahead now with alternative energies, more jobs will be created anyway and the power plants will always need maintaining.

Criticism of Fracking

Tony Bosworth of FoE has called for the UK to follow other countries by shelving fracking. He and other Green campaigners have criticised Environmental Agency chairman Lord Smith for supporting the controversial method of extracting natural gas from shale rock, on the grounds that it will provide energy security. FoE has stated that 85 % of people want more clean energy. The pressure group 'Frack Off' has warned of the dangers of contamination of ground water, air pollution and potentially radioactive active waste from the process.

Body heat to warm buildings!

Excess heat is being used in Sweden to provide energy. A Stockholm property company uses heat from 250,000 daily commuters using the Central Station to provide up to 15 % of the heating needs of a nearby building. Heat exchangers in the station's ventilation system transfer the excess body heat into hot water, which is then piped in to the building. What a fine example - come on the rest of the world's urban planners!

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FoE Conference 2012 – Booking now open

This year we're at Imperial College, London from 14-16 September 2012 - and we're planning the event to be bigger and better than ever. We've got loads of inspiring speakers already lined up, including:

- Caroline Lucas, Britain's first Green MP
- Rob Newman, eco-conscious comedian
- Liz Jensen, author of *The Rapture*
- Satish Kumar, *Resurgence* editor
- Polly Higgins, campaigning lawyer
- Neal Lawson, *Compass* chair

We've also got creative workshops with the experts - like stunt and prop design with New Internationalist cartoonist Polyp and social media campaigning with no 1 green blogger Peter McColl. And you can tell us what sessions you'd like too - submit your ideas by 22 June at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SKGZ7Z2>.

Conference will also be a chance to help with the next steps of our Bee Cause and Clean British Energy campaigns, and get ready to help launch our new campaign for greener products.

And that's not all: alongside all this we're planning a storytelling workshop, a renewable energy demonstration, a visit to the Natural History Museum and a biodiversity walk. And let's not forget the socials, including a ceilidh and Secret Garden Party DJs.

Want to know what Conference is like? Watch our new film at www.foe.co.uk/conference

A weekend ticket with free food is £30. Onsite accommodation will cost extra. Day tickets for the Saturday are also available for just £10. Book your ticket now at www.foe.co.uk/conference

Tim Gee, Conference Project Manager 2012, www.foe.co.uk/conference

PS. Please forward this email to any of your friends who you think might be interested in coming. The weekend ticket is geared towards local group members, but the Saturday is specially designed to be open to all, so day tickets are available too.

May meeting report (continued)

aside wildflower meadows, support bee-keepers by buying their honey, and, most of all, pressure the government to introduce a strategy to assist bees by ensuring that we planned our towns and cities so that open land was available for them to forage for nectar.

Climate and Energy (cont'd) Ethical Football

Another brilliant invention! Four Harvard students have devised an innovative ball based on a gyroscopic mechanism, which captures energy during play and then stores the power for later use. The portable energy generator can be used to power mobile phone chargers, batteries or LED lamps. It takes only 30 minutes of playing football to power a lamp for 3 hours. The balls are produced and distributed by a non-profit company, Unchartered Play, and can be particularly valuable in less developed countries.

FoE's CYW – Make the Difference + Clean British Energy

Make the Difference

(see also page 4 of this newsletter)

When humans stood on the moon in 1969, and people saw the Earth from space, we gained a whole new perspective on our planet. A new environmental movement was born. Joe Jenkins, Director of Fundraising, Communications and Activism, explains the connection with our vision today.

People realised a simple thing — that the wellbeing of people and the planet go hand-in-hand, and that we must transform how we live to look after both. From the beginning, Friends of the Earth recognised that it's not only possible but essential to bring people together to campaign for change.

In 2012, we are bringing that idea back in all that we do. We want to inspire many more people to join with us, nationally and locally, to respond to the massive environmental problems we face.

This is the year we say to the world "It's time to see things differently". With bolder colours and fonts, we're communicating with a confident attitude, showing we're proud of who we are and what we've achieved — and welcoming anyone who wants to join forces with us.

But all this would just be window-dressing without the substance that really brings the vision of Friends of the Earth to life - our campaigns. And we're launching two big bold campaigns this Spring - The Bee Cause and Clean British Energy.

Clean British Energy for all

The first phase of our major energy campaign, Final Demand, has come to a barnstorming conclusion. Senior Campaigner Paul Steedman looks back at what we've achieved over the last few months - and tells us about the next step to win clean British energy for all.

It says a lot about our Final Demand campaign that so many other organisations are lining up to run their own 'Big Six' campaigns. We've really captured the public mood by turning our attention towards the energy companies.

Over the past six months more than 30,000 people have signed our petition for a public inquiry. We've defeated the Government three times in the courts over their proposals to introduce retrospective cuts to the feed-in tariff. The highest court in the land has now thrown out their appeal.

Next up - the Clean British Energy campaign - and it's starting now. We'll be calling on people and organisations to switch to clean British energy to earn themselves their own CBE. We'll demonstrate the massive support for ditching imported coal and gas in favour of clean British energy from wind, waves, tides and sunshine.

The Government's new Bill on Electricity Market Reform is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make lasting change. Together we'll ensure it sees there's high demand for low-carbon energy that we can all afford. Find out more at our Hub: www.foe.co.uk/campaignhubs

FoE's CYW – Welcome to the BEE Cause

Our new campaign - The Bee Cause - has sprung into life all over the UK this month. Don't miss out on the buzz.

We rely on bees to pollinate most of our favourite fruit and vegetables. Without them, it would cost UK farmers £1.8 billion a year to pollinate crops. But bees are under threat, and with their decline, so too is our food supply and our economy.

From now until 2013 key decisions will be made about agriculture, planning and pesticides - all things with big implications for the future of British bees. The threat to our bees also provides us with an important opportunity to highlight wider issues around protecting our natural environment.

The Bee Cause will encourage people to make their gardens and community spaces bee-friendly. We're also asking individuals and groups to call on David Cameron to implement a National Bee Action Plan.

We're so excited about The Bee Cause - we hope you'll join us. If your group hasn't registered to receive the campaign materials, it's not too late, just contact your Network Developer. Join discussions, download materials and tell us what you're doing for bees on our Bees Hub at www.foe.co.uk/kampaignhubs

Sow, grow, harvest: how to get involved

We're using the seasons as our inspiration to take action:

Sow the seeds

We do mean literally sowing seeds. We want to see bee-friendly planting everywhere: window boxes, back gardens, wild patches, verges, hedgerows and even in your local park. A list of bee friendly plants is included in the Action Guide for Local Groups as well as a poster and a tea towel.

Sow the seeds of connection in your community too:

- Find out who else locally is interested in bees
- Create a buzz with a fab Bee stall
- Look for new opportunities to get others onboard.

Grow The Bee Cause

The more people who get involved, the more bee friendly our community spaces will be. And there'll be more pressure on David Cameron to play his part in The Bee Cause. Bee Breakfasts and Bee Swarms are great ways to grab attention — check out the Action Guide for the full low down.

Bee Walks are a lovely way to map the good and the bad habitats in your area from a bee's perspective. They're also great for getting new people involved. Take your MP along and open their eyes to bees and what they stand for!

Harvest time

In Autumn we'll be bringing all our work together — showing where Local Bee Action Plans are in place, celebrating progress so far at our national conference, and planting seeds and bulbs for the 2013 bee season. We'll also see if David Cameron has risen to the challenge of a National Bee Action Plan.

WDM – The challenge regarding Aid + CAAT info

Aid - the challenge for WDM

We're well aware that aid doesn't equal development. We have a history of campaigning for aid - one of our very first campaigns, under the aegis of Action for World Development, aimed to achieve a target of 1 per cent of our national income going to aid by 1972, and at the time we secured a million signatures on a petition in support of it.

But we would rather focus on the structural issues which others often seem to ignore. Economic policies that support employment and trade justice, reigning in the finance sector or loosening intellectual property rights on things like seeds or pharmaceuticals, would all do more to impact on poverty reduction than the delivery of aid.

Nonetheless, we find ourselves entering into the debate over aid once again, with increasing alarm. A battle we thought we had fought and won is up for grabs again and we don't like the direction it is heading in. While we are certainly putting our efforts into campaigning on structural issues, we also feel the need to intervene in the aid debate. Aid, in our view, is important in the short term for poverty relief and should form part of the UK's effort to reduce global inequality.

So we're aiming to look at the direction of aid – mainly at the retrograde trend that seems to prioritise the UK's own corporate interests over those of people facing poverty, and in particular at the development of the murky sovereign wealth fund. We've already

put in a freedom of information request to get more details.

In the meantime, we would like you to tell us what you think – what are your feelings on the direction of aid? If the UK government believes the only way to keep the aid budget secured is by promoting its benefits to the UK, is that acceptable? Do you think the target of 0.7 per cent is important? Do you have any views on the House of Lords' report? What is your view of Andrew Mitchell's letter? Please comment at <http://www.wdm.org.uk/blog/aid-investment-or-moral-obligation>

CAAT - The bad news is that arms dealers don't just go out on Tuesdays

The Natural History Museum has confirmed that the official Farnborough Reception will be held in the Museum on Monday 9th July. Arms dealers will enjoy cocktails in the shadow of the Museum's famous Diplodocus.

In the words of the organisers, the reception is: "THE most important event during the Farnborough week, exclusively attended by key industry senior level figures, international delegations and exhibitors ... a must attend event and an unparalleled networking opportunity."

Tell the Museum how sad you are about its decision to host the Farnborough reception. Email its Director today – go to <http://act.caat.org.uk/lobby/63> to do this.

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Fighting London's dirty air – Jean Lambert, MEP

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Dangerous airborne particles known as PM10 have exceeded legal 'safe' limits at Neasden Lane, Brent, for the 36th day this year; breaching EU air quality standards which could put lives at risk.

Jean Lambert, London's Green MEP, has condemned the Mayor of London for failing to take the radical and immediate action necessary to tackle air pollution in the capital, and has urged the European Commission to stand firm on the UK's blatant and consistent breaches of EU air quality law.

Under EU law, the UK must ensure that PM10 levels do not go over a certain level more than 35 days per calendar year {1}. Neasden Lane is the first place in London to breach this legal limit in 2012, yet some 15 places across London have exceeded the limits on 17 days or more this year, including Marylebone Road, Swiss Cottage and the Blackwell Tunnel.

The EU Environment Commissioner, has recently confirmed that he will reinvestigate the UK's application for a time extension to comply with legal limits for PM10 particles.

Speaking on the day of the breach, Jean said: "The fact that London continues to have the dirtiest air in the UK and is one of the most polluted places in Europe is an utter disgrace. Research shows that air pollution could be responsible for thousands of premature deaths a year. Not only is this a great tragedy, but it places an

enormous burden on the health service which could be avoided.

"Yet instead of tackling air pollution and the health risks it poses, the Mayor of London seems intent on 'fooling' air monitoring stations, such as those at Neasden Lane, and of finding ever new ways to sidestep vitally important EU legislation which is aimed at protecting the public from this invisible health crisis. Citizen's health must come first, and the European Commission now needs to follow through and show that there are real consequences when Member States don't comply with crucial environmental law."

Note - This article has been taken from the May newsletter of Jean Lambert, MEP. It can also be found online at http://www.jeanlambertmep.org.uk/new_s_detail.php?id=786.

CAAT – The bad news is ... (cont'd)

We don't know exactly who will be 'networking' this year yet - but, in 2010, international delegations included Libya, Bahrain, Algeria, China and Saudi Arabia. Government officials were on hand to guide weapons buyers from Libya around the arms fair and even arranged for Ministers and the Duke of York to join the sales effort. Just 7 months later the UK was condemning the country for the murder of civilian protesters and preparing for missile strikes.

Ask the Natural History Museum not to support the promotion of arms sales to human rights abusers. Email the Museum's Director today.

FoE say - Govt must tackle the national scandal of fuel poverty

The Government must tackle the national scandal of fuel poverty by stopping homes leaking heat and reducing the nation's reliance on increasingly expensive fossil fuels, Friends of the Earth said as official statistics released reveal that fuel poverty fell in 2010 - but almost a fifth of UK households still couldn't heat their homes adequately.

The reduction was due to rising incomes and energy efficiency programmes under the previous Government - which outweighed the impact of rising energy prices.

Between 2009 and 2010, fuel poverty fell from 5.5m households to 4.75m households - the first fall in fuel poverty since 2003. However this still left 19 per cent of UK households suffering fuel poverty. And Government projections for England show that fuel poverty numbers in 2012 could be back to their 2009 high.

The environment charity also highlighted the fact that today's figures reveal that the top four worst constituencies for fuel poverty in England are represented by Coalition MPs - Bill Wiggin, Philip Dunne and Rory Stewart (Cons) and Alan Beith (Lib Dem).

Friends of the Earth's Executive Director Andy Atkins said:

"Energy efficiency measures played a significant role in cutting the number of households in fuel poverty in 2010 - so it's a disgrace that the current Government has slashed funds for better insulation and heating in low-income households.

"It's a national scandal that rising gas prices and heat-leaking homes have left millions shivering - and thousands dying - in the cold.

"Ministers must end the fuel poverty crisis with a major drive to fix poorly-insulated homes and shift to clean British energy from water, wind and the sun."

Friends of the Earth says the Government's proposed energy efficiency plans will not tackle fuel poverty. Its flagship Green Deal - a long-term loan paid back through an addition to the household's energy bill (which should be lower overall thanks to the energy efficiency measures) - may be attractive to better-off families who can afford repayments, but unless the proposals are radically changed it will do little to help those in fuel poverty.

And a soon-to-be-introduced obligation on big energy firms to pay for energy efficiency measures will fall far short of delivering the necessary funds, the environment charity says. It's urging the Government to provide the significant additional funding needed to tackle fuel poverty by using the revenue it will receive in years ahead from taxes on carbon pollution.

Andy Atkins said:

"Making the homes of those on low incomes more energy efficient will not only help end fuel poverty - it will create new jobs, slash emissions and reduce the cost to the NHS of treating cold-related illnesses."

FoE say - Local action crucial to meet climate targets, Govt warned

Responding to a new report from the Government's official climate advisor calling on Ministers to require councils to lower carbon emissions and warning that UK climate change targets won't be met unless local authorities play their part, Friends of the Earth's Executive Director Andy Atkins said:

"This is a stark warning the Government can't afford to ignore - UK climate targets won't be met unless Ministers ensure every council plays its part in slashing emissions, and has the funds to do so.

"The Government has failed to support local action on climate change - and only a few council leaders are currently championing action on the scale required.

"Cutting energy waste will reduce emissions and save cash by cutting soaring fuel bills - and investing in clean British energy and better transport and recycling programmes will help boost the economy."

The new report on local authorities is published by the Committee on Climate Change (CCC). The CCC is an independent statutory body established under the Climate Change Act to advise the UK Government on setting carbon budgets, and to report to Parliament on the progress made in reducing greenhouse gas emissions: www.theccc.org.uk/

The report concludes that:

- Councils have significant influence over large parts of the UK's carbon budget - in particular energy use in

buildings, sustainable transport, and waste.

- Local authorities also have an important role to play in giving the go-ahead for onshore wind, and in ensuring that the benefits are captured locally. They also play a key role in planning decisions, which should also be taken with carbon reduction in mind.

- Without council action the UK risks failing to meet its legally binding carbon budgets.

- All councils need to be covered by ambitious carbon reduction plans, but councils don't have either the right incentives or enough funding to deliver.

- In England, council action on climate change is going backwards. This contrasts with Scotland, where all public bodies including local authorities are required to actively contribute to national carbon reduction targets, and progress is being made.

- The Government should give "serious consideration" to either introducing a new duty on councils to plan for carbon reductions in their local areas, or increase local carbon funding, or both.

- Ambitious action on carbon reduction in local areas would bring with it a range of economic and other benefits, such as financial savings to local economies, job creation, and public health.

St Mary Cray Market is on the move

Have you heard the news?

**St Mary Cray Country Market is on the
move!**

From June 2012 find us at:

**Orpington Village Hall
First Wednesday each month
10am – 11.30am.**

**The Duke Centre, Park Road,
St Mary Cray
All other Wednesdays
9.00am – 11.00am**

**We would be really pleased to welcome new
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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.

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.

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

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