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November Meeting

Friends Meeting House, Ravensbourne Road, Bromley

Dr Naomi Ewald – Freshwater Habitats Trust

Clean Water for Wildlife

A national citizen science survey to record
nutrient pollution in small freshwaters

Tuesday 1st November – 7.30pm

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Diary dates:

- Nov 1 (Tue) **Bromley FoE's November meeting:** Dr Naomi Ewald from Freshwater Habitats Trust plus Traidcraft stall
- Nov 9 (Wed) Film "This changes everything" at Hoodoo's, 1 Matthews Yard, Croydon, CR0 1FF, 7.30pm
- Dec 6 (Tue) Bromley FoE's December meeting: Paul de Zylva and Adeela Warley from Friends of the Earth plus Seasonal Social

November meeting – Clean water for wildlife

Clean Water for Wildlife is an exciting new survey to discover fantastic clean water habitats which are free from nutrient pollution where wildlife can thrive.

It is the first nationwide survey of its kind. Nutrients draining from farmland and urban areas pose a very real threat to freshwater habitats.

The survey is measuring the extent of this threat and helping to discover sites which are free from pollution. Naomi will present the first year's results.

Developing Bromley's Local Plan

The editor notes: Well, I had hoped to be able to say that the Local Plan consultation is with us. It was originally due to be published in mid-September; this was then put back to mid-October but at the time of writing, there's still no sight of it.

When it is available, you will be able to find it on the Local Plan Consultation Portal on the Council's website. Go to www.bromley.gov.uk, select L from the A-Z menu, then Local Plan, then click on the relevant link.

Or, more likely, there'll be a link directly from the home page.

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October meeting report – Sheila Brown

Our speaker was Barney Smyth from the Fairtrade Foundation who came to talk to us about Fairtrade coffee. Consumers have become well acquainted with the concept of Fairtrade, but coffee producers face many challenges.

- price volatility: the price can fluctuate wildly and when it is low this is bad news for coffee farmers
- the effects of climate change: ironically coffee growing contributes very little in the way of harmful emissions but is extremely susceptible to erratic weather patterns – severe downpours can prove disastrous for the crop
- long-term price decline: the price to the farmer goes up and down but the general tendency is down
- it doesn't attract young people as it takes a long time to get established
- rising costs, particularly machinery
- prices vary throughout the year
- the farmers are in a weak negotiating position; there are 750,000 Fairtrade coffee farmers worldwide but all the purchasing power is in the hands of the "middle men"

The Fairtrade Foundation addresses these problems by setting a minimum price it pays to the farmer, which will not change, thus shielding them from price volatility; besides paying them a minimum price, they also receive a fairtrade premium which they have to pay into their co-operative and which goes towards improving the quality of their coffee.

The Fairtrade mark is the only certification which pays a minimum price. Currently the market price is *below* the minimum price but the farmers still receive the agreed minimum. All fairtrade farms work within co-operatives: these can be between 100 and 1000 people and help support small farmers and lift them out of poverty.

The farms have to meet a rigorous set of standards, social, economic and environmental, which includes reduced use of herbicides and pesticides and environmentally friendly farming practices.

Currently a fungus infection is spreading in Central America and wiping out crops. The Fairtrade Foundation is investing in programmes to combat this.

The premium paid by the farmers is invested in various ways to improve quality. One example is a Fairtrade and organic certified coffee grower co-operative in Nicaragua called Soppexcca which has built a quality laboratory so everything can be done in house: a huge investment for the next generation. Soppexcca is also known for its emphasis on gender inclusion: 40% of its farmers are women.

There's been investment in dry storage areas and warehouses which is encouraged as very evidently the crop needs to be kept dry and not exposed to the elements. Investment in technical education programmes is also promoted.

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October meeting report *cont'd* + Croydon FoE FREE film

The farmer does have to pay for Fairtrade certification and go through a rigorous checking procedure. An initial loan can be provided towards this.

Barney's work is concentrated in the "Out of House" (OOH) area – coffee consumed away from home. Coffee drinking is on the increase in Britain, with 2.5 cups of coffee for every one cup of tea. Per capita we are in 3rd place behind Italy and France and the only country to show an increase. OOH Fairtrade coffee accounts for 11% in volume which contributes £4.8 million premium for farmers and workers.

The Fairtrade mark is the most respected and trusted but there are challenges in the OOH sector. It is fragmented with multiple outlets. Costa has the largest market share; it has Rainforest Alliance certification but does not do as much for the farmers and workers.

The Rainforest Alliance is an American mark with a cheaper and less rigorous testing procedure, therefore prices can be lower making it more attractive to customers – but it does not stipulate that 100% has to be fairtrade, and sometimes the proportion of output can be as low as 30%.

The stringent criteria for Fairtrade certification can put companies off, with the minimum price and the premium which they are reluctant to pass on in pricing. In retail there is a squeeze on shelf space and huge competition between the Big 4 supermarkets.

The Fairtrade Foundation was set up 20 years ago by Oxfam, Cafod and Christian Aid. It encourages organic farming but does not insist on this. It is geared towards small producers and family farms. It represents the ethical mainstream and believes in sticking to its ideals.

There is a Fairtrade Cafe every Saturday morning at Bromley Parish Church, behind Primark

Croydon Friends of the Earth invite us to a FREE film showing of THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

Wednesday 9th November at 7.30 pm
Hoodoo's, 1 Matthews Yard, Croydon,
CR0 1FF.

Directed by Avi Lewis and inspired by Naomi Klein's international non-fiction bestseller, *This Changes Everything* presents seven powerful portraits of communities on the front lines from Montana's Powder River Basin to the Alberta Tar Sands, from the coast of South India to Beijing and beyond.

Interwoven with these stories of struggle is Klein's narration, connecting the carbon in the air with the economic system that put it there.

Throughout the film, Klein builds to her most controversial and exciting idea: that we can seize the existential crisis of climate change to transform our failed economic system into something radically better

Bromley Town Twinning Association Annual Lecture

John Street writes: The speaker was Michael Hall, former British Consul in Frankfurt, who read us some extracts from his book “Dear Deutschland.” Some of those present were so taken with the extracts that they took the opportunity to buy copies that Michael had fortuitously brought with him.

The extracts were mainly snippets of Michael’s interactions with the local Germans. Here are some examples:

On walking into a glass door, the response was that “In Germany, we keep our glass doors clean.”

Coping with DBNs (DBN = Distressed British Nationals), one of whom had lost his money and his passport, as well as having been sick in the lift on his way up to the 8th floor consulate.

Books and oranges – for British citizens imprisoned in local jails. Oranges helped stop the prisoners getting scurvy, but there were many discussions about what kind of book, all donated, was suitable for what kind of prisoner – e.g. would Silence of the Lambs be suitable for someone incarcerated for Grievous Bodily Harm?

Initiation into the Order of the Friends of the Naked Bath.

Round robin letters, generally sent shortly before Christmas, from those who had moved on – or were they really square Cyrils?

There was time for questions once Michael sat down: the first was how will German – British relations continue

after Brexit. Michael’s reply was that, yes, they would continue, probably better at the level of the ordinary people than at a political level.

Once the BTTA Chair had made a few announcements, including telling us that BTTA would be 30 years old next year, there was a chance to partake of tea and biscuits and chat to fellow audience members.

London as a National Park City

What if London was a National Park City? A city where people and nature are better connected. A city that is rich with wildlife and every child benefits from exploring, playing and learning outdoors. A city where we all enjoy high-quality green spaces, the air is clean to breathe, it’s a pleasure to swim in its rivers and green homes are affordable. Together we can make London a greener, healthier and fairer place to live. An event was held recently at the Southbank Centre to explore this idea.

The idea is not for this to be proposed by the Government but for local council wards to support this. So far 208 wards across 30 boroughs have declared their support, which is 48% of the 436 ward target. People are invited to recruit their local ward, to organise local events, to take part in creating a map showing London’s parks, woodlands, streams, rivers, canals fields and footpaths.

Details of this campaign and all that is going on can be found at www.nationalparkcity.london/

Campaign Stall Report

Many thanks indeed to all who helped with the Mall precinct stall on October 15th. It was good to have the campaign focus on Barclays involvement with funding fracking companies, and John Catlin's wind turbine model and solar panel which attracted the public.

We gave out many leaflets and were grateful to Sam Gee for obtaining the new materials, and also support from Bromley Against Fracking. (see photo of stall on the next page)

After the stall we enjoyed some drinks and food in Nick's Cafe in the precinct. Nick had even let us store the FoE table and materials in the cafe overnight and came to the stall to sign the petitions and cards!

A further short-notice stall was planned for October 25th outside Barclays in Bromley. There will be a report on this action in the next newsletter.

Climate and Energy

Paris Climate Deal

The Paris agreement on climate change was ratified on October 4th by the European Parliament. This triggered calls for Britain to formally adopt the treaty as soon as possible. An overwhelming majority of 610 members backed the deal, but of the 38 MEPs who voted against, almost half (17) were from Britain. UK Green Party MEPs have severely criticised this lack of commitment.

Fracking Update

Protesters are disgusted after the government gave the go ahead on October 6th for controversial fracking in Lancashire. They accused ministers of ignoring the democratic process to push through shale gas company Cuadrilla's plans for 4 wells in Preston New Road in Fylde.

This is worrying news - dismantling the democratic process facilitates a dirty fossil fuel industry when only months ago the government committed to climate change targets, and is hypocritical.

The government have stated that all the potentially harmful effects on the environment would be reduced 'to an acceptable level'.

A tanker carrying 27,500m³ of ethane from the US has sailed down the Forth in Scotland to the Grangemouth oil refinery. As a result Friends of the Earth Scotland have issued a statement on the environmental dangers of extracting shale gas.

Tidal Lagoon Project

Backers of an ambitious proposal to transform the UK's power supply could be given the go ahead. This is in the form of a tidal lagoon to generate electricity. The green light could see a series of major lagoon projects costing more than £15 billion being constructed around the coast of Britain.

A tidal lagoon generates electricity from the natural rise and fall of the tides.

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Campaigns, Climate and Energy - *continued*

Bromley FoE members on anti-fracking stall

Rising water flows into dams many miles in length, driving turbines. It is then held back behind walls as the tide recedes before being released to drive the turbines again, generating thousands of megawatts of power. A prototype is set for construction in Swansea Bay in the next few years. The lagoon would be able to generate electricity for about 14 hours a day.

Future lagoons could be an important zero-carbon source of energy, and also create thousands of jobs.



Nuclear Power

Sellafield

A recent Panorama programme found that parts of the power plant regularly have too few staff to operate safely and that radioactive materials have been stored in degrading plastic bottles.

The programme was told that parts of the facility are seriously run down. If there is a fire there, it could generate a plume of radioactive waste that would travel across Western Europe.

Fukushima

The Japanese government has decided to allow Fukushima refugees to return to their homes in certain areas, but the majority of people when asked are found to be against it.

Rice from the Fukushima area is being sold in the UK. The radioactivity has to be below a certain figure, and when the rice was tested in Japan and a sample in the UK, it was thought to be a hazard. There are also similar problems with fruit and vegetables. The London Kick Nuclear group leafleted at the Matsuri Japanese Festival in Trafalgar Square on September 25th, warning the public of the dangers. *(See poem on next page)*

Contamination - Fukushima Rice

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Beware the Fukushima rice
It's not particularly nice

It's contaminated with nuclear waste
from the Daiichi power plant space

Rice sale profits are all the game
based on an engineered false claim

The Japanese Government says it's safe
But don't believe the marketing case

It's mixed with rice that's totally normal
so all appears respectably formal

Caesium 137 will gradually infiltrate,
invading the bones as a potassium mistake

You may not see the effects for years
as cancer floods the world with tears

The Fukushima disaster is far from done
The effects will last like a hidden gun

This environmental disaster
the Planet Earth will struggle hard to master

Beware the Fukushima rice
It's not particularly nice

Ann Garrett Ashley (Sept 25th /16 written after the Japanese Matsuri Festival protest)

Freshwater Habitats Trust, water testing – Judy Palmer

Following on from Annette's article in last month's newsletter and in anticipation of our speaker this month from the Trust, we will have the pollution kits to hand out at the meeting to our volunteers to take away and test their local freshwater habitat.

Annette and I went up to Tugmutton Common recently and with the help of the lovely Mike from the Friend's group, scooped up some water from the Kyd brook which borders parts of the Common. The pollution kits are easy to use, with one tube testing for nitrate levels and one for phosphate. The results shown in the table below indicated that the brook had low levels of both, which is really pleasing.

What type of waterbody did you sample? (please tick one)

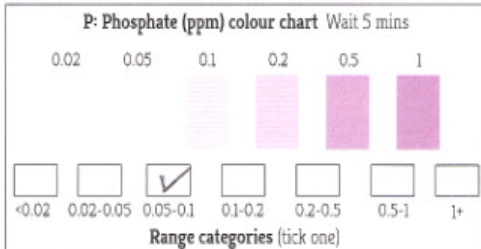
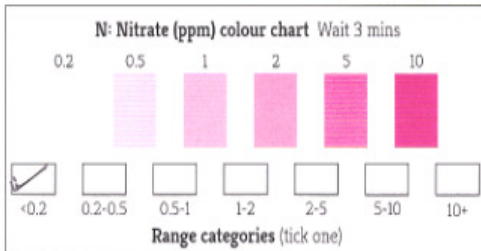
Garden pond Other pond Lake Ditch River Stream

Other (please state)

Name of waterbody e.g. Collier Pond, or Pond in Stubbs Wood (if pond name not known)

Recording the level of nutrients

- 1 Once the development time is up, compare your N or P tube with the corresponding chart (right).
- 2 The chart is based on ranges e.g. my colour falls between 0.5 and 1 Tick one.
- 3 If the tube hasn't changed colour at all - tick the lowest range category <0.2 N, or <0.02 P
- 4 If your tube matches one colour exactly, tick the higher range e.g. if recording 0.5, tick the range 0.5-1.



Submit your results online using the PPW WaterNet hub or via email to Laura Quinlan peoplepondswater@freshwaterhabitats.org.uk

Signing the environmental pledge – Judy Palmer

Thank you to Paul and Annette who recently came with me to visit Jo Johnson and present him with his card and the information on the Environmental Pledge.

Mr Johnson wouldn't commit himself to signing before reading about it, but I did receive a letter from him a few days later, setting out how the Government is committed to safeguarding the UK's natural environment.

Other members of the group are making arrangements to visit Bob Neill and Bob Stewart soon.

Letter from Jo Johnson MP to Judy Palmer

Thank you for taking the time to visit my constituency surgery to discuss the UK's natural environment. It was a pleasure to meet with you again.

As we discussed, I am delighted that the Government has committed to safeguarding the UK's vibrant natural environment. Following the vote to leave the European Union, the Government will work with environmental organisations and the public to develop its new policies. I thought it might be helpful to give you some more information about the Government's thinking.

I am proud of the Government's record in creating and improving wildlife habitats. Since 2010, it has helped clean up 625 square miles of lakes and over 15,000 kilometres of rivers, and more than 945 miles of hedges

have been restored and planted. There is, of course, more to do so I welcome the commitment to plant 11 million more trees by 2020.

Tackling air quality is another priority. Alongside national action and continued investment in cleaner technologies, air quality plans published last December seek to tackle air pollution through a new programme of Clean Air Zones. In those cities with the most persistent air quality challenges Ministers will legislate to implement Clean Air Zones.

Please be assured that the UK will continue to play a leading role in combating climate change, as we did at the Paris Conference. Carbon emissions have fallen by 6 percent since 2010, contributing to a 27 per cent reduction since 1990. Britain's share of electricity generated from renewables has doubled since 2009 and Ministers are determined to ensure we become a world leader in the new green economy.

Further information about the Government's commitment to protecting our natural environment is available in the Conservative Party's 2015 Manifesto:
<https://www.bond.org.ukidata/files/Blog/iConservativeManifesto2015.pdf>

Thank you again for taking the time to visit my surgery.

Pacific tuna stocks continue to be fished unsustainably

The Pacific Ocean is the world's largest tuna fishing ground, accounting for almost 60% of the global catch. But supplies are dwindling and conservationists say urgent action is needed. Japan, which consumes roughly 70% of the global bluefin tuna haul, has suggested introducing cutbacks if stocks drop for three consecutive years, but other Pacific countries who met in September want tougher measures. Result: stalemate and nothing to be decided until the countries meet next year.

Greenpeace has proposed an immediate two-year moratorium on all commercial fishing of the bluefin tuna. They say the latest stock assessment for Pacific bluefin, released this year, found that the population has been heavily depleted to just 2.6% of its historic unfished size by nearly a century of overfishing.

UK Government to ban microbeads in cosmetic products and to consult on wider action

Tiny pieces of plastic in personal beauty products, that end up in the oceans and are swallowed by marine life, will be banned from sale in the UK by the end of 2017. Microbeads are very small pieces of plastic in products such as facial scrubs and make-up. Some are visible to the naked eye, but others are as tiny as one micrometre. Conservationists have warned that they can affect fish growth and persist in the guts of mussels and fish that mistake them for food.

One cleansing product can contain hundreds of thousands of the microbeads, which end up in the oceans after being washed down sinks. Yet natural alternatives that biodegrade and pose no harm to marine life exist, including jojoba beads, apricot kernels, ground nutshells and salt.

Supermarket beauty products such as those by Asda, Waitrose and Sainsbury's have already had the plastic dropped, and major companies such as Unilever — which owns Dove and other brands — have also phased them out. But other big names such as Procter and Gamble, which owns Crest toothpaste, Gillette, Olay, and Tesco, will not have phased them out entirely until the end of 2017.

Consumers looking to avoid microbeads in the meantime should avoid products containing polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP), polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA), polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) and nylon, campaigners say.

Shell and BP remain committed to deep-sea wells

Two articles in The Guardian report both Shell and BP are embarking on deep-sea drilling. Shell has started production at the world's deepest underwater oil and gas field, 1.8 miles beneath the sea surface in the Gulf of Mexico. The Stones field is located 200 miles south of New Orleans.

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CAAT – Momentum and resistance on Saudi arms sales

For too long the Saudi-led bombing of Yemen has been a forgotten war. Now it is finally getting the media and parliamentary attention it deserves; and now is the time for us to push for government action and an end to the arms sales.

While MPs were away for the summer the Saudi-led bombing of Yemen intensified, targeting schools and hospitals and forcing the health organisation MSF to withdraw from services in northern Yemen.

In September the UN published a revised death toll, estimating that more than 10,000 people have now been killed in the conflict, with the majority of the deaths as a result of the Saudi-led attacks.

New evidence also emerged of the use of UK-made weapons in attacks on civilian targets including bombs made and sold after the conflict began and CAAT revealed that the UK government had allowed more than £3.3 billion of arms sales in the first 12 months of the conflict.

Refusal to act

When Parliament resumed in September Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson insisted that the sales would continue. He said that Saudi Arabia is conducting its own investigations into allegations of violations of international humanitarian law: "They have the best insight into their own procedures and will be able to conduct the most thorough and conclusive investigations."

But it is clearly not adequate to rely on the perpetrators to investigate themselves, especially in the face of overwhelming evidence from independent sources of the devastation that the bombing has caused.

Questions

Serious questions have also been raised about the UK government's own procedures, following revelations that it had misled Parliament. In the last hours of the most recent parliamentary session, the Foreign Office published a series of written corrections that revealed a number of its key claims in Parliament had been inaccurate.

Where the parliamentary record had quoted ministers in saying that "The [Ministry of Defence (MOD)] assessment is that the Saudi-led coalition is not targeting civilians" this was corrected to "The MOD has not assessed that the Saudi-led coalition is targeting civilians."

Will MPs call for a ban?

In September the influential cross-party Committees on Arms Export Controls (made up of representatives from the Business, Foreign Affairs, Defence and International Development committees) seemed poised to call for a ban on the arms sales.

A draft leaked to BBC's Newsnight said, "The weight of evidence of violations of International Humanitarian Law by the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen is now so great that it is very difficult to continue to support Saudi Arabia while maintaining the credibility of our arms

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Letter from CAAT to their supporters

Full High Court hearing against arms sales to Saudi Arabia will go ahead!

Since March 2015, Saudi Arabia has been engaged in brutal bombing raids in Yemen. The UK government has shamefully supported these attacks by licensing a shocking £3.3 billion worth of arms sales since the conflict began.

Over 10,000 people have now died and there is clear evidence that — as they have frequently hit schools, hospitals and other civilian areas — the Saudi air strikes have been in serious violation of international law.

CAAT has repeatedly threatened the UK government with legal action unless it stopped the sale of all arms to Saudi Arabia that could be used in Yemen. The government's response was that we didn't have a case: it was adamant that the sales should continue, despite the massive number of civilian casualties and serious evidence of law-breaking by the Saudis.

But it seems the High Court disagrees with the government. In June, a judge ruled that we have an arguable case against the arms sales which must be heard in court by February 2017.

Please donate today to support our legal case and keep up the campaign pressure!

Since the judge's ruling, the call to end the sales has grown to fever pitch. Two parliamentary committees have called for the sales to be suspended immediately, and even the government

itself has backtracked, admitting that it has made no assessment that international law is not being broken by the Saudis. Yet, still the arms sales have continued unabated.

The case is a huge opportunity to push these issues into the spotlight and challenge UK policy on arms sales, but we are up against institutions with vast power and resources compared to our own. We need your support to help us keep up the pressure on every front. Please send a donation today to join us in putting the arms trade on trial, to stand with the people of Yemen, and to push the UK government to prioritise human lives over arms sales.

CAAT – Saudi arms sales – *cont'd* licensing regime" and that it "seems inevitable that any violations of International Law by the Saudi-led coalition would involve arms supplied by the UK."

However, Newsnight subsequently reported on "industrial attempts" by some MPs to water down the report and remove any calls for a ban. Eventually two reports were published.

The Business and International Development Committee called for an immediate ban on the arms sales, but a rival report from the Foreign Affairs Committee stressed the importance of the Saudi relationship and, rather than calling for an end to arms sales now, said the courts - through CAAT's Judicial Review should decide.

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Air quality monitoring project

Local Air quality monitoring is something we've long desired to do.

In August we were approached by Stanley Knill of Friends of the Earth inviting us to take part in a monitoring project which involved mounting small diffusion tubes (they looked a bit like test tubes) to measure nitrogen dioxide pollution from traffic.

These were to be placed at spots where there is high traffic concentration, on busy main roads, near schools and where there's a lot of congestion and idling. The tubes were to stay in place for two weeks.

We placed diffusion tubes on the main A224 near Crittalls Corner, outside Crofton Primary School, outside Petts Wood Library and in Chislehurst Road where the traffic slows and on a hill creating a concentration of exhaust fumes. They were mounted on lamp posts or behind traffic signs, in each case eight feet off the ground.

Thanks to Bill Priestley for undertaking the installing and removal of the tubes. These have now been sent off for analysis and we should get the results in a few weeks.

CAAT – Saudi arms sales – concluded

The Government's position is indefensible, but it has shown that it will pull out all the stops even ignoring its own legislation to ensure it can continue arming and supporting its most toxic ally. We must make it impossible for it to maintain this position.

Marinet headlines - continued

The field is in much deeper water than the Macondo prospect, where six years ago BP's Deepwater Horizon rig exploded and sank, killing 11 workers and causing environmental disaster.

Shell has retreated from some of its expensive project, ditching drilling operations in the Alaskan Arctic and abandoning a tar sands project in Alberta, Canada. Instead it is investing heavily on pioneering deep water projects, with potential production of more than 900,000 barrels per day in the 2020s. It is also looking at a project off the coast of Malaysia.

All this in the face of being warned by the International Energy Agency that two-thirds of proven fossil fuel reserves should remain in the ground to prevent the earth warming 2° and contributing to catastrophic climate change.

Meanwhile BP is going ahead with plans to drill in the near pristine waters of the Great Australian Bight, at depths even deeper than the Deepwater Horizon. This in an area where any similar accident could have an even more devastating and irreversible effect on the environment over a wide area. There is widespread opposition among people in South Australia where much of the economy depends on the ocean.

Again, a deaf ear is being turned to the detrimental effect this extraction will have on global warming and the achievement of lowering temperatures to slow climate change.

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

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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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