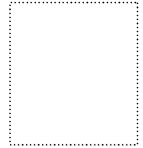


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## **September Meeting**

**Friends Meeting House,  
Ravensbourne Road, Bromley**

***Have fun – find a bargain  
and also raise funds for national FoE  
by joining our Auction of Pledges***

Friends and relatives also welcome

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September  
7.30pm.**

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***Have fun and raise money for FoE at our Auction of Pledges – see page 2***

**Diary dates:**

**August 30<sup>th</sup> (Mon)**

**Bromley FoE's stall at Cudham Fete** – Cudham Recreation Ground, 1pm

**Sept 5<sup>th</sup> (Sun)**

**Urban Green Fair** – Brockwell Park, Herne Hill. Eco-poets will be reading some of their works at 12.40pm.

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

**Bromley FoE's September meeting – See below**

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**YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE FUN, PICK UP A BARGAIN – AND HELP FoE**

Bromley FoE is going into the auction business! Instead of a speaker at our September group meeting we will be staging an Auction of Pledges to raise much-needed money for National FoE, currently suffering from considerably reduced income due to the recession – money they require to carry out vital campaigns at this crucial time for the future of the planet.

That means you will have an excellent chance to pick up a bargain by bidding for one of many Pledges on offer – like, perhaps, mowing your lawn, making a cake for you, having your photo taken, even housework, and many others.

To raise funds we need your help. First, can you offer a talent to be auctioned? Perhaps, sewing, gardening, tree work, car cleaning, painting, computer lessons, patio or path cleaning, ironing, baking, music tuition, create computer-printed stationery etc etc. Or do you have a contact who might donate theatre or cinema tickets, a few drinks at your local pub, a bowl of flowers, a bottle or two of wine or a shopping voucher?

These are just ideas, but be inventive! Come up with something special that you can offer!

Second, we want you to be there – and to bring friends and family. The more bids, the more the cash raised so that National FoE can continue to give us the support we need for our local campaigning. The date: Tuesday September 7. Time: 7.30pm. Place: Friends Meeting House, Ravensbourne Road, off Bromley High Street.

When you have decided what talent you can offer please contact Sheila Brown on sheilabrown336@msn.com or 01689 851 605.

**Next Newsletter - copy details:**

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

## August meeting report – Anne Clark

Roisin Robertson came to update us on the achievements of the Greenpeace organisation, whose aims were for clean air, clean water and clean land for everyone, not forgetting world peace of course. Members undertook to campaign by taking direct action -- such as recently climbing the Houses of Parliament to get their message across (often needing immense bravery).

The Heathrow anti-expansion camp and buying a plot of land, planting apple trees, commemorating Britain's first apple seedling here, was peacefully successful and a document of 90,000 signatures was handed in to 10 Downing Street.

At Gatwick airport, a mock flight counter had been set up to persuade travellers to swap flight tickets for train tickets, and with Biggin Hill and London City Airport hoping to increase their capacity, there will be a demonstration outside London City Airport and Manchester airports (the Big No) on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Greenpeace are campaigning against BP (Esso have been there some time) adding to the destruction of Lone Tar Sands in Canada - an area the size of Britain - to exploit for oil, tipping out natural topsoil to mine, causing complete devastation and displacing the indigenous peoples.

However, Roisin has been able to contact the Chairman and BP say they will take more trouble and care using new cleaner technology. They could be putting the energy and money into

researching 'renewables' instead of investing in oil.

With the Mexican Gulf oil spill and the mess in Nigeria, Greenpeace have a new logo with a polluted pelican and are sending a ship, Arctic Sunrise, to explore the spill area. The dispersants could be making more damage than the oil.

Members have also demonstrated outside the Croydon Nestle's building against overstepping their agreements in the growing of palm oil in Indonesia and the plight of the orang-utan, slave labour and tree-felling there.

Greenpeace showed their video on Facebook of the orang-utan's plight and now Unilever and HSBC have distanced themselves, with Tesco taking advice who to buy their paper from. Members of REDD are paid to conserve some rainforest, to take care of their environment.

We were reminded of the 'Trident' issue now that its usage almost completely relies on America, an American company now owning Aldermaston too. As Alistair McGowan says - there are better things to do with £97million than blow up the world. New nuclear deterrents have the power of eight Hiroshimas and the Scottish Nat. Party are against the missile bases.

The ongoing Greenpeace fight is to help the "Tokyo Two" volunteers who were investigating ships transporting so-called machine parts from Japan,

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## Transport information – Ray Watson

### Domestic flights to go?

The message on domestic flights is at last getting through to the higher echelons of politics: they do not have a future.

Transport Minister Philip Hammond has stated his belief that domestic flights will disappear and be replaced by rail. Plus new research shows that the Government alone could save millions by banning internal flying for civil servants and ministers which might lead to others like major companies to follow suit.

It makes sense. And what is more it is what has been happening on the Continent for years. For instance, the German airline Lufthansa replaced many of its domestic flights with rail journeys some years ago. In comparison UK airlines like BA dismissed Hammond's view, saying that travellers from the provinces would want to take the plane to connect with international flights at Heathrow.

What is needed now is a big shove from Government to make it too expensive to take the plane.

Which brings us to the Air Passenger Duty. This tax was introduced in the hope that it would put people off flying. In that case it has not worked. Although passenger figures are currently down this is mainly due to the recession. So, expect the Autumn spending review statement to include some changes in APD.

For a start, the overall yield will increase and it is likely that the tax will apply to each flight rather than to individuals as now. Of course, the airlines will pass this charge on to passengers, but the idea is to ensure that planes do not fly around half empty. Indeed, some airlines have been known to fly services empty in order to protect their slots at Heathrow.

And look out for the tax being applied to freight flights, currently exempt. With freight movements increasing in number, the Government will find it too tempting to miss a further means of raising revenue. Indeed, freight flights at Heathrow and Gatwick in May were up 50 percent and 20 per cent respectively. That reflects similar growth being reported globally.

### Bikes not in gear

The newly-launched London bike hire scheme should be welcomed for its cutting of greenhouse gas emissions. But surely it was a mistake not to include protective headgear of sorts no matter the logistical problems. Let's hope that is sorted out by the time the scheme comes to congested areas like Bromley. When will that be? Measure it in years, not months.

Meanwhile, Bristol has been voted Britain's most bike-friendly city based on all the facilities it provides for cyclists. Not surprising. Two years ago it won a £20 million grant from the Government for bike-related schemes.

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## **Transport info cont'd**

### **You win some...**

Environmentalists often feel that opposing the growth in flying is like being run over by a steamroller – it leaves you flat every time an airport wins permission to expand – and there are many on that path.

But, as at Biggin Hill Airport, opposition does at least slow down the pace of development. A good example is at our neighbouring City Airport which has been pushing hard over two years to double its capacity. Protestors have won their call for a judicial review and this will cause another delay because it will not get to court until November.

The airport's case is not being helped by a recent development. More jets are using the airport instead of quieter prop-jets and this means a much wider area of east London is being affected by noise. One more item for the judge to review.

Over at Lydd airport on Kent's Romney Marshes there has been another delay in the owner's plan to increase passengers from a few thousand to two millions. The coalition government has decided to call in the planning application calling for runway expansion and other developments.

A sheik bought the airport in 2006 and has been trying since then to increase usage but has been fiercely opposed by local environmentalists.

### **Appeal for funds**

National Friends of the Earth is making a special appeal for funds following a drop in its income due to the recession. Legacy income has also fallen.

The organisation is seeking donations to allow it to continue with various campaigns to help protect the environment. Chief executive Andy Atkins said: 'We need to fill the financial gap to fight crucial battles and seize urgent opportunities'. Among the campaigns under way is a target to reduce the UK's CO2 emissions by at least 42 per cent by 2020. This involves putting pressure on the Government, local authorities and other organisations.

Bromley FoE is supporting the appeal by sending an immediate contribution from its own funds and by organising a fund-raising event. Leaflets giving the background to the appeal will be distributed at summer outdoor events the group will be attending.

Donations, payable to Friends of the Earth, can be sent to Andy Atkins at Friends of the Earth, 26 Underwood St, London N1 7JQ.

## Of friends and dates (and High Elms)

### FIND A FRIEND! – see opposite page

Bromley FoE always welcomes new 'Friends' to our monthly meetings and we would like our established members to bring a new 'Friend' to one of them.

The meetings vary every month, with a variety of speakers and reports on our campaigns – and there is always time for a coffee and a chat.

No specialist knowledge is required, just an interest in caring for your local environment. There is no age limit; we welcome all generations.

So please chat to your friends about Bromley Friends of the Earth and see if you could come along to see us.

### Diary dates continued from page 2

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| <b>Sept 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>FoE Local Groups' Conference</b> , University of Reading  |
| <b>Sept 21<sup>st</sup> (Tues)</b>          | <b>Peace Day Event</b> , Community House, South Street, Bromley, 7.30-10.00pm, contact Ann Garrett 020-8460-1295           |
| <b>Sept 26<sup>th</sup> (Sun)</b>           | <b>High Elms Open Day</b> : 12.00-4.00pm, High Elms Country Park   |
| <b>Oct 5<sup>th</sup> (Tues)</b>            | <b>Bromley FoE's October meeting</b> – Alastair Baillie (London Borough of Bromley, How Bromley will cut its carbon output |
| <b>Oct 10<sup>th</sup> (Sun)</b>            | <b>St Mary Cray Riverside Walk</b> followed by Tea at Croft Tearoom  |
| <b>Oct 16<sup>th</sup> (Sat)</b>            | <b>Campaign stall</b> – Get Serious and Food Chain campaigns, Bromley High St – 2.00-4.00pm.                               |
| <b>Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tues)</b>            | <b>Bromley FoE's November meeting</b> – Quaggy Waterways Action Group  |

### Come and join us at High Elms Country Park

Bromley FoE will be among many others taking a stall at Bromley's High Elms Country Park open day on Sunday September 26 (11am to 4pm) . Admission is free, Come to visit us for free leaflets and guidance on environmental issue and for a children's game.

As well as musical entertainment and fun activities for all the family, other groups will demonstrate woodland crafts and countryside skills and also offer local produce. There will also be displays in the Beeche eco building.

# Be a Friend of the Earth



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Come along to one of our friendly meetings. We have talks and slide shows on environmental topics that Friends of the Earth is involved in and our equally beneficial "chat-full" refreshment breaks.

We meet at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday in the month at Friends Meeting House, Ravensbourne Road, Bromley, 5 minutes walk from Bromley South station

All are welcome!!

## More from Marinet

**MARINET** is FoE's Marine Network, see [www.marinet.org.uk](http://www.marinet.org.uk) for more info. It is campaigning for reform of the EU Common Fisheries Policy

Commercial fish stocks and marine biodiversity in European seas throughout the North East Atlantic, Baltic Sea, and Mediterranean Sea are now in a very poor condition, and this is largely due to unsustainable fishing practices over a long period of time. Nearly 90% of all commercial fish stocks are over-fished in European seas, and a third of these stocks are now facing commercial extinction.

These dangerous fishing practices, currently managed by the EU's Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) must cease and be fundamentally reformed. If this fails to happen, most common commercial fish species (e.g. cod, tuna, haddock, herring) will become extinct, and the marine ecosystem which has supported these fish stocks will collapse and never return.

The European Commission has recognised that Reform of the CFP is now essential, and is committed to a new policy and range of fishing management practices by 2012. MARINET is developing and leading a Campaign for the Reform of the CFP which this time will result in and guarantee the implementation of policies which will rebuild and protect European commercial fish stocks.

There are a number of key components in the strategy which will secure and guarantee fundamental Reform of the CFP. We are in the process of developing these

components, and it is your help in the development and delivery of these components that we are asking for and would welcome.

These strategic components are:

1. Until now, the design of the EU Common Fisheries Policy has been controlled solely by the Council of Ministers at meetings in Brussels. However, this time MEPs from every EU country have a right to decide what the policies of the new CFP will be. Our Campaign will be asking you to contact your MEPs to gain their support and their vote for our Reform policies.
2. Our Reform policies for the new CFP are based on the requirement that there is a clear written commitment by the new Common Fisheries Policy that it will implement the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive, and thus implement EU law.

As a result, our CFP Reform Campaign and our message to the European Parliament, MEPs and Ministers is that the new Common Fisheries Policy must observe the primacy of law. In other words, it will be illegal to create a new CFP which does not implement the legal obligations of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

3. We are asking leading academics in marine conservation to assemble the scientific evidence which supports the case for immediate and fundamental reform of the CFP.

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## Campaigns info – Ann Garrett

### **Crystal Palace Park Inquiry result**

Plans for Crystal Palace Park which include building 180 flats and sports facilities on the 200-acre site have been approved.

Communities and local government secretary Eric Pickles endorsed a report by the Planning Inspectorate which recommended planning permission for the £67.5m London Development Agency masterplan. As well as residential flats, the proposal includes a new regional sports centre, a restored cricket pitch and tidal lakes.

Although some of the regeneration plans might be acceptable, a precedent has been set for building new housing on green space, which ignores the fact that over 7,000 people signed an original petition objecting to the loss of green space, with more than 1,000 resident's letters of objection logged during the planning application process. This included one from Bromley FoE.

The fact remains that the principle of selling off parkland as means of funding the overall project, is extremely worrying. The LDA believes the masterplan is 'balanced and well conceived'.

### **Businesses plan to be more sustainable**

A recent report shows that business executives are serious about trying to halt damage wrought on the planet by the world's corporations. Despite fears that the UK is poised for a 'double dip' recession nearly half of 500 senior

executives questioned for the report said they planned to invest up to 50 per cent more to make their businesses more sustainable over the next decade.

Green campaigners have welcomed the report's findings, which show that businesses are forging ahead of the Government when it comes to environmental issues. Many more companies see sustainability as a commercial imperative.

However despite commercial enterprise, we know that reducing consumption should be high on the agenda and a vital part of our campaigning.

### **UK may have to import rubbish!**

Would you believe it, but we may have to import rubbish in order to keep a rash of new waste incinerators working.

As the country continues to improve its recycling efforts, experts warn that waste may have to be diverted from sustainable recycling schemes and importing rubbish becomes a new form of business. Environmental groups are demanding an end to the building of new incinerators, which is undermining recycling.

The UK has 25 according to the UK Without Incinerator Network, and a further 65 are planned. The dichotomy is that waste levels are now in decline as we get better at recycling. A Defra spokesman has emphasised that the priority should be on waste reduction.

## Food Chain Campaign Update – Peter Gandolfi

Thanks to the work by FoE campaigners up and down the country, Robert Ffello MP introduced the Sustainable Livestock Bill to Parliament on 30 June. congratulations to everyone involved!

Mr Ffello was drawn 2nd in the recent Private Members' Ballot, which means he had a great chance to make his Bill become law. This is fantastic news for the campaign and sets us on a path towards meaningful Government action to fix our broken food chain.

The Bill - based on the Sustainable Livestock Bill - will aim to reduce British meat and dairy factory farms' dependence on animal feed grown in South America that is destroying wildlife and Rainforests.

The proposed new law commits the Government to action to limit the wildlife and rainforest destruction caused by animal feeds. It will also help to ensure that UK farmers are not squeezed by big business farming.

Robert Ffello said, "I was shocked to find out just how much a Sunday roast can cost our planet under the factory farming system. I am determined to put this right by working with FoE and other MPs across the House to lead the drive for planet-friendly farming that doesn't destroy wildlife, rainforests and our climate. I hope the people of Stoke-on-Trent will join me in fixing the food chain once and for all."

The crucial second reading of the Bill should take place on 12<sup>th</sup> November, and will be a key moment in the campaign. So far more than 30,000

people have contacted their MP to demand a fix to the broken food chain, with 160 of current MPs backing the campaign.

With such momentum behind it, this groundbreaking new Bill stands a great chance of becoming law and forcing real action to change the deal behind your meal.

October 9<sup>th</sup> marks The Food Chain Day of Action. FoE will supply more information nearer the date. The objective is to lobby MP's about the second reading of the sustainable farming bill in November.

### Re-User Column – WANTED

**Wanted!** Old fashioned Jam Jars (tall jars with a top lip, no thread) for jam making. Payment by donation to FoE or in Jam!

Peter Gandolfi 01689 831826

### Marinet info, continued

We will, if necessary, mount a legal challenge to the design of the new Common Fisheries Policy if it does not recognise the primacy of EU law. This will mean taking our CFP Reform case to the European Court of Justice in order to require decision-makers in the Council of Ministers, Parliament and Commission to design and implement a new Common Fisheries Policy which will rebuild and thereafter maintain all commercial fish stocks in a sound and healthy condition. The Environmental Law Foundation has agreed to support us.

## Letter to the Editor, from Judy Palmer

Dear Editor,

Thank you for reminding us all with the section in the August newsletter on the speakers the group had in the first eight months of 2000 and I would just like to expand on it if I may.

The auction we held in January was great fun and raised a good sum towards helping to protect the Salt Box SSSI for, I think, the London Wildlife Trust.

We did have an AGM at some point with one of the points to come out of it and planning meetings, being that the monthly meetings were hectic and that we needed one where we could just chat. Hence the Tea & Chat for the March meeting, which was also possibly a fund raiser in some form. Anyone else remember that detail??

The February Biggin Hill meeting may possibly have been when we were introduced to Flight Path, maybe Ray will remember the details!

The April & May meetings not only featured aspects of the Borough's biodiversity, but also strengthened ties with two other local wildlife groups. Both Bill McGeachie from Scadbury and Matthew Frith from the LWT visited us on more than one occasion. We were also all taking part in the Bromley Biodiversity Action Plan formation around this time I think.

Now the June public transport meeting I am a bit fuzzy on – it may have been one of the group's workshop type meetings – anyone else remember?

The July organic food supplier meeting was another 'group request' - for a food speaker/local group tie in. It is to be hoped that the group still exists.

Well the August meeting turned out to be a fun meeting when our speaker cancelled at the last minute! Recycling in Bromley was really taking off then (helped along with a large push from BFoE over the years) but there were still plenty of points to discuss.

I thought the list also demonstrated how much the group worked on local issues, and still does, and how important it is that we still exist to promote protection when needed in whatever form, of our local environment.

Judy Palmer (ex secretary / co-ordinator)

### Letters to the Editor

Many thanks to Judy for taking the time to write and send this letter.

The editor receives hardly any letters in response to articles in the newsletter.

Whether you agree or disagree with something that appears in the newsletter, why don't you consider sharing your thoughts with other newsletter readers?

Please send any contributions to the editor at the address on page 2.

## FoE says – Write to your MP

### **FoE says - And now there's already a fresh chance for you to help cut carbon locally**

We need a new law to transform the energy efficiency standards for private rented homes, which research shows includes many of the country's most poorly insulated and badly heated homes. These homes cost a fortune to heat and contribute to climate change.

### **Please ask your MP to support a new law today.**

Homes that are badly insulated and poorly heated make people ill, contribute to climate change and cost a fortune to heat. And over 4 million households now live in fuel poverty (when you can't afford to heat your home to a reasonable standard).

According to the UK's Chief Medical Officer, the annual cost to the NHS of treating winter-related disease due to cold private housing is £859 million. The problem is particularly bad in private rented homes.

Ask your MP to support a new law to set a minimum energy efficiency standard for private rented homes, to cut carbon emissions, and protect tenants from high energy bills and poor health.

### **Suggested letter to your MP –**

As well as contributing to climate change, poorly insulated and heated homes make people ill and cost a lot to heat. I think this is unacceptable.

Over 4 million households now live in fuel poverty. The situation is particularly bad in private rented homes. These are the oldest and worst

maintained part of the UK's housing stock, and the one which government policy has found most difficult to reach.

The good news is that tackling the worst homes in the private rented sector has lots of benefits. As well as reducing fuel poverty, it will cut carbon emissions and generate much needed jobs.

I believe it is time to set a minimum energy efficiency standard for private rented homes to ensure that tenants are protected from fuel poverty, high energy bills and poor health.

Please write to Chris Huhne MP saying you support this and ask him to include a new law in the forthcoming Energy Security and Green Economy Bill that will make it illegal for the worst private rented homes (those with an energy performance rating of F or G) to be let after 2016, until they are improved.

It's vital that all landlords are given financial help to improve the energy efficiency of their properties and greater tax incentives. They also need information and advice on what to do. Councils could help with this but they need to know which homes are rented and their energy rating.

Please also ask Chris Huhne MP to give this councils access to this information and to issue the guidance necessary to allow councils to properly use their existing legal powers to improve homes that are so cold they are a health hazard, without the cost or red tape which currently makes this difficult.

## WDM says – Write to your MP

### Have you written to your MP asking them to support regulation of food speculation yet?

The launch of our campaign to stop bankers betting on food went spectacularly well, with lots of media coverage, massive interest online and nearly 1,000 people pledging to phone the FSA to complain about irresponsible bankers.

But this is just the start. In order to win this campaign we need your help to keep the pressure up. The next step is to write to your MP to ask them to tell the Chancellor that they support the introduction of stronger regulation in food and commodity markets.

You can help stop betting on hunger and take action to ensure the UK supports proposals to stop reckless bankers gambling on global food markets.

The European Commission and the French and US governments have all said they want to bring food speculation into the open and regulate it to stabilise prices. We need you to help pressure the UK government to ensure that it backs proposals for regulation and not to take sides with the banks to block reform.

Ask your MP to let the Chancellor the Exchequer know that the UK government should support proposals for regulating food speculation. We have produced a template letter for you to use which you can print off to send as a letter or copy and paste into an email. It will be more effective if you

can personalise it and use some of your own words.

**Letter template:** You can use this template when you write to your MP, although writing in your own words is always more effective.

Dear (MP's name)

Deregulated commodity speculation has pushed up food prices, leading to hunger and rioting around the world.

Our trading partners in Europe and the United States want to act but they need to see Britain playing its part as well.

Ordinary people in this country and around the world rely on secure, affordable food prices. We need the Treasury to promote stable, transparent commodities markets.

Please would you write to the Chancellor, asking him to support regulations that:

- \* Require all deals on food derivatives to go through a central, transparent clearing house, and
- \* Impose tough limits on commodity speculation by banks and hedge funds that are not part of the real food economy.

Yours sincerely,

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## Hiroshima Day / Nagasaki Day 2010

The following statement, slightly edited for the newsletter, was released by Bromley and Beckenham CND and is a reminder of the terrible devastation caused by nuclear war.

Anti Nuclear campaigners in Bromley marked the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki with leafleting and a silent vigil to remember the victims. It is believed that a total of 300 000 people, 95% of them were civilians died as a result of the atomic bombing of the two Japanese cities. In 1945 US B-29 bombers dropped a Uranium based atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima on August 6<sup>th</sup> and a Plutonium based bomb on the city of Nagasaki on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

For the first time the United States, France and United Kingdom sent their envoys to attend the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. The solemn celebration took place at the Peace Park in Hiroshima, led by its mayor Tadatashi Akiba. The ceremony was also attended for the first time by the Secretary General of the UN.

Ann Garrett, secretary of Bromley and Beckenham CND said "The words of Shoso Kawamoto, an orphaned survivor of the Hiroshima bomb who spoke at Charlton House on August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010, sent a chill down my spine, the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were, in the words of Winston Churchill 'militarily unjustifiable' to say the least and should not be repeated ever again!".

Roisin Robertson of Greenpeace said "Action speaks louder than words, I

certainly hope these were not just empty words by Obama. The five permanent members of the UN Security Council are all nuclear states and have not adhered to the spirit of the Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT), by starting the negotiations in good faith for nuclear disarmament."

British anti nuclear campaigners are opposed to the Government's plan to replace the Trident system, especially in the current Credit Crunch climate. The replacement, which is currently not included in proposed Defence Review, is estimated to cost between £20 - £75 billion, depending on the option pursued.

Ann Garrett said "We cannot possibly use nuclear weapons without violating international law. Moreover it is useless in the fight against terrorism and it is a drain on our defence spending on necessary conventional equipment for our soldiers."

### **August meeting report, cont'd**

which it was proved were illegally whaling. The two have been in prison for two years now instead of the Japanese government admitting their guilt of breaking the signed moratorium as whales are still under threat.

Greenpeace's campaigns are decided internationally and are not all apparent to us in Britain. We were advised to keep writing to the energy minister if we wanted to keep pushing for clean energy, gradually training our minds away from using oil and concentrating on the hoped for solar power from Europe's deserts in the future.

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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.

### Disclaimer

Please note that any opinion expressed in this Newsletter is not necessarily that of Bromley Friends of the Earth or Friends of the Earth.

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

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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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