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## **September Meeting**

*Friends Meeting House, Ravensbourne Road, Bromley*

### **Forum on FRACKING**

**Professor John Sharpley - Petroleum Engineer and Geologist**

*and*

**Roisin Robertson – Co-ordinator of Bromley Greenpeace**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - 7.30pm**

Everyone welcome – bring a friend

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**Diary dates:**

- Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tues)**      **Bromley FoE September meeting:** Forum on Fracking (*see below for more info*)
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup> (Sat)**      Progressive Bromley Film Co-op, "Beyond Forgiving" 6pm for 7pm – Friends Meeting House, Bromley
- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> (Tues)**      **Bromley FoE's October meeting:** Beckenham Place Park – Mal Mitchell
- Oct 25<sup>th</sup> (Sat)**      **Anti-Fracking stall**, The Mall, Bromley: 2.30-4.30pm
- Nov 4<sup>th</sup> (Tues)**      **Bromley FoE's November meeting:** No to Waste for Fuel – Jan Watkins

**September meeting – To Frack or not to Frack**

The process of fracking for shale gas is highly controversial, and this will be debated at our September meeting by Professor John Sharpley and Roisin Robertson, with representatives of Bromley Council also taking part.

Some people believe that fracking will bring cheaper energy, but others that there is danger of pollution from the release of dangerous chemicals.

**Environmental Blog**

Bill's brother has an environmental blog – Go to [www.richardpriestley.co.uk](http://www.richardpriestley.co.uk) to find Bill Priestley's brothers' environmental website and blog. It is full of interesting articles and up to date information on research in the environmental field and makes fascinating reading.

***Apology from the Editor*** – Because of a bizarre miscalculation of the number of weeks between the August and September meetings, this newsletter is a few days later than it should have been. Sorry about that.

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## Open House London – September 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup>

**Annette Rose writes:** Don't miss this special weekend when you can have free access to a wide range of buildings and gardens. Some you have to book for, but most are on a first come first served basis. You can go to the Open House website or pick up your brochure from your local library.

Some entries I have noticed this year with an environmental theme-

- Sutton- Revealing Eco Structures. The tour will uncover the impact of a living wall of plants and take visitors to the Straw Café.
- BeZED- explore the U.Ks first large scale eco-village.
- Deptford Green School- Winner of the LABP best educational building award in 2013 with highly sustainable design.
- Lewisham-The Green Man- Two contemporary timber- framed buildings with numerous sustainable features.
- Camden- 73 Chester Rd. A Victorian house transformed with energy saving features reducing its carbon footprint by 80%.

In Bromley, you can visit Bromley and Sheppard's College (booking required), The Churchill Theatre, The Odeon Beckenham and many more places.

**John Street writes:** The Open House website is at <http://www.openhouselondon.org.uk/> and they want you to buy copies of the guide which are presumably also on sale at bookshops and available at public libraries.

### **This is what's in the press release on the Open House website –**

Open House has long held a tradition of satisfying the appetites of thousands who wish to see beautiful architect designed residences first hand.

This year we welcome stunning new additions from across the capital including stylish sustainable designs such as Nick Baker's eco-home - 25C Montpelier Road - built using timber framing and passive solar design techniques and Ott's Yard – a repurposed ramshackle group of sheds reimaged with a healthy dose of creative greening by the award winning vPPR Architects.

Open House also welcomes imaginative conversions Dingle Price's stylish House for a Painter, a conversion of a 20th century workhouse laundry building into a studio and residence for an artist and his family. Finally, Daykin Marshall's modern two-story shopfront conversion on Gray's Inn Road handles the demands of a traditional south facing façade with apartment living.

Open House will be a unique opportunity to see, explore and learn about amazing architecture and design in your area and across London over one weekend. More than 800 buildings of all kinds will open their doors across London, alongside a programme of neighbourhood walks, engineering and landscape tours, cycle rides and experts' talks – all for free.

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## August meeting report – Ray Watson

**Professor Steve Bown** of the charity Population Matters, our August meeting speaker, set out to be thought-provoking on the subject of reducing population growth – and he succeeded. The world was out of balance, he said. It was a matter of its resources being used up faster than the earth could replace them. Acting now was an urgent requirement.

His figures showed the rate of population growth was slowing marginally, but even in educated countries like the UK the figure was still climbing – the forecast was that our population would reach 73 million by 2030. Internationally, the effect of population growth was to put pressure on essentials such as water, fossil fuel supplies, agricultural land, bio-diversity and fish and meat stocks.

A major reason for such growth was poverty; the greater the poverty the greater number of births, and there were two billion people on the earth earning less than \$2.5 a day. He argued that if a couple had one less child, it would reduce usage of global resources by a whole lifetime of living ethically and sustainably. Poverty rates now are at a similar level as they were in 1947 – nothing to be proud of there.

Prof Bown said population growth among humans could be affected by war, disease, famine, bio-diversity loss but also by self-control-- humans electing to have smaller families and using contraceptives. A massive education programme was required urgently. There were signs that some attitudes to birth control were changing: a recent survey among

Roman Catholics showed that 70per cent favoured the use of contraceptives, while the figure for Europe was 90 percent.

He also saw positive signs in some undeveloped countries. Birth rates have come down in South Korea, Thailand, Sri Lanka, and Columbia and even in Iran. China was a special case since its government took control of population growth by introducing a One Child Only policy. This was reckoned to have reduced births by 400 million.

Overall, said Prof Bown, the earth's population was increasing and headed for the nine billion mark. At that level of human consumption of the world's resources, he forecast that it would be difficult to maintain a quality of life as we have now.

But some actions could be taken. First to ensure education programmes were as robust as possible and reached out to both women and men – 'in parts of Africa a man is not recognised as a man unless he has 10 children'. He said: 'Every woman has a right to have a child, but she must also accept her responsibility to society.'

Then we must get over the 'Mad Taboo' of not discussing the issue. He said it was unbelievable that sophisticated people refused to debate the problem, and that included broadcast and other media. The need was to raise awareness, especially in schools, and in particular to draw attention to the effect population growth is having on the environment.  
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## Campaigns, Climate and Energy – Ann Garrett

### Campaigns

Bromley FoE's Fracking Forum will be going ahead on September 2nd with the main speakers being Prof John Sharpley, a geologist and petroleum engineer, and Roisin Robertson, Co-ordinator of Bromley Greenpeace. The News Shopper will be doing a special advert for the meeting.

The Bromley Mall campaign stall date has been altered from Oct 11th to Oct 25th, 2.30 - 4.00 pm. The focus will be on the fracking campaign and Run on Sun cards will also be available. Offers of help will be very welcome.

A local campaign we are about to support more directly than previously is 'No to Waste for Fuel' about the waste dump in Sevenoaks Way, Orpington. The Environment Agency has begun clearing it. There is now a planning application for a waste transfer station in Old Maidstone Rd (near Ruxley Garden Centre), ref 13/02279/FULL1 which needs objecting to.

Judy Palmer has also written on our behalf expressing strong concerns about the toxic pollution to the surrounding water beds.

### Climate and Energy

#### Climate Summit

The summit will take place in New York from September 19th - 21st. Groups around the country are being asked to mobilise and organise activities. The main aim is to 'put pressure on the summit leaders to break free from the shackles of the

fossil fuel industry in order to address climate change',

#### Scottish Fracking Plans

Scottish environmental campaigners have welcomed the Holyrood government's opposition to Westminster plans to making fracking easier - and demanded a complete ban on gas drilling.

They are objecting to proposals by the UK Department of Energy and Climate Change that would remove the right of people to object to fracking companies drilling below their homes. They would have the right to drill to depths of 300 metres or more without negotiating a right of access. FoE Scotland have praised Holyrood's 'more cautious approach' to unconventional gas extraction.

#### Nuclear Energy

TEPCO appears to have given up its attempts to form an ice wall round the stricken reactors at Fukushima, as a method of removing contaminated water. The company has also failed to disclose that 14 paddy fields outside the evacuation zone had been contaminated with radioactive material in August 2013. Two reactors in Japan have been cleared by their regulator for a restart which is likely to occur in October.

#### Niger Delta Contamination

Little has been done to clean up the oil pollution in the Niger Delta by the Nigerian government or oil giant Shell, human rights and environmental groups( including Amnesty and FoE) have reported.

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## Open House, August report, Climate and Energy – *all continued*

### **Open House London, *continued***

For further details of the full programme in 2014, please contact Matthew Turtle or Meneesha Kellay on 0207 383 2131 or email [press@open-city.org.uk](mailto:press@open-city.org.uk)

In addition to the many residences, highlights of the Open House programme include:

- Revealing London's iconic skyline and towers including The View from the Shard, 30 St Mary Axe (aka the Gherkin) and Citypoint
- London's infrastructure revealed with the Institution of Civil Engineers - including engineering walks and site visits to major construction and engineering sites
- Nearly 80 projects with Landscape at their heart with the Landscape Institute
- Eco, zero carbon and retrofit buildings, with the chance to talk to experts, see measures in action and discover how you can implement changes in your own home
- Speak with planners, architects and engineers on how they create successful buildings and cities
- For the second time in 2014, Open Debate will be presented for and will be held at the Institute of Civil Engineers. The inaugural Green Debate will also be held at London's Saw Swee Hock Building
- Maggie's and Open House London 'Culture Crawl' on Friday 19th September – a moonlit walk through London with the opportunity to see Open House architecture and raise money for Maggie's Cancer Centres

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

Another action was to put pressure on MPs. 'MPs will listen but need to be convinced that the people want change before they will support new policies,' he said.

A lively session of questions followed. The debate goes on...

*Footnote: Population Matters is a charity that aims to raise awareness and promote ways of addressing the problems associated with the still increasing world population. It promotes a voluntary and gradual reduction in the global human population to a level that enables an acceptable quality of life for all, protects wildlife and is ecologically sustainable.*

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### **Climate and Energy, *cont'd***

Oil production has contaminated drinking water in at least 10 communities in the Ogoniland area, and an assessment by the UN Environment Programme published in 2011 said that it would take at least 30 years to clean up. Families are drinking water from wells contaminated with benzene at levels over 900 times above World Health Organisation guidelines.

Some emergency measures have been implemented but then only partially. It is encouraging that FoE and Amnesty are keeping up the pressure.

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## Transport comment – Ray Watson

### Following the French

Watch out for a new breed of cars on London streets. From next Spring London will begin copying the successful French scheme that allows you to car share for short journeys. And, yes, they will be electric vehicles.

The capital has been keen to introduce car sharing to help reduce pollution levels which are so high that London is facing a fine by the EU of up to £250m because of its poor record on air quality.

The Bluecars car-share scheme will be run by a French company that has seen some success in Paris and which has now spread to Bordeaux, Lyon and the US city of Indianapolis. The scheme is similar to the London cycle hire operation – to claim a car you register as a member, giving your credit card details, pick up a vehicle at a roadside booth, make your journey and leave the car at one of dozens of kerbside depots spread throughout the capital. The amount of time used results in a charge to your credit card. Every depot each has a direct line to the scheme's HQ to sort out problems.

The Paris scheme has a membership charge from £95 for a year or £10 for one day, plus about £5 for a half-hour rental. London's is expected to charge £10 a month membership and £5 for a 30 minute rental.

Paris now has nearly 3000 Bluecars and is averaging over 10,000 rentals a day – something that must result in a reduction in carbon emissions because 'normal' cars are no longer on the road. Research shows that probably

11,000 conventional cars have not been purchased because drivers are using Bluecars.

Renters say that a 'bonus' of the scheme is that because the Bluecars have reserved spaces, they no longer have to crawl around Paris to find a parking space as they did with conventional cars.

### Gatwick battle looms

A pricey advertising campaign has been launched by Gatwick Airport in support of its demand to build a second runway. The idea is to impress the government's commission which is studying various airport options, and also to denigrate Heathrow which also wants another runway space. The commission will announce next month which airport will be chosen to expand and then there will be a period of consultation.

Not good timing by Gatwick – the campaign comes at the same time as local residents groups around the airport are organising themselves for a battle over flight paths.

New groups have been formed to protest about noise over Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Kent and Sussex following a change in flight paths. Hever Castle and Penshurst Place are affected as are areas up to 20 miles from the airport.

Do not think that the Gatwick situation is no worry for Bromley people – the new flight paths come very close to our borough and may become even closer if consultations come up with new routes in and out of Gatwick.

## Nature Campaign, Judy Palmer

*The following article is information taken from the FoE website and adapted for space.*

25,442 of us signed the petition calling for changes to the Bee Action plan – thank you! It is still expected that the National Pollinator Strategy will be published in October.

Do you remember that FoE started campaigning in 1971 with the Save the Whales campaign? They then led the successful efforts to outlaw the trade in endangered species. Then they went on to secure stronger protection for our best wildlife havens, to end the use of dangerous chemicals in farming and to dramatically improve water quality across the UK – it has had lasting benefits. Then in 2012 FoE launched the Bee Cause, and out of this the National Pollinator Strategy will be born.

In our busy lives it's easy to overlook the importance of nature and how we need it more than we realise for healthy foods, water, materials, learning and leisure. We're taking nature for granted with the result it's now in decline. In the main, policy treats nature as nice to have rather than essential and a necessary sacrifice in the name of economic growth.

**Did you know** – it would cost \$76bn a year to save nature– it sounds like a lot but that's a fifth of what the world spends on soft drinks each year. 3 out of 5 UK wildlife species have declined over the past 60 years.

30% of the UK's natural ecosystems are declining, including the soils

needed to grow healthy, nutritious food. The global picture is similar – 15 out of 24 of the world's ecosystem services are being degraded or used unsustainably – from fresh water and fish stocks to nature's role in climate control.

The financial value of natural pollination worldwide has been put at 153bn euros – that's almost a tenth of the value of the world's agricultural production of our food.

Friends of the Earth would like to see Nature Everywhere – and are campaigning for:

- **The rapid and extensive restoration of abundant nature everywhere**  
Not just in nature reserves – but in cities, the countryside, our rivers, and at sea.
- **Children to have more and better contact with nature**  
As part of their daily lives, at home, at play and at school.
- **High-quality nature to be the norm in our communities**  
As normal as having decent schools, local shops and transport.
- **An end to the plundering of our seas and abuse of marine environments** Including the creation of a network of UK and global marine protected areas.
- **Urgent action by government, business and others on international obligations**  
Ensuring the UK and Europe meet their international obligations to reverse nature's decline by 2020.

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## Gardening tips for September from your gardening correspondent

**Bill Priestley writes:**

### Taking shrub cuttings

Grow your own shrubs. They will then have a zero carbon footprint. And as they grow will develop a negative carbon footprint.

Now, the Autumn, is the best time to take cuttings. Once the soil is moist through to the first frost. September will give them the most time to develop.

Choose a straight shoot between 4 and 8 inches long. 6 inches is usually ideal. Remove all the leaves from the lower two thirds, cut neatly just below a node-this is the mark where a leaf grew from.

The best place to plant your cuttings is a light but shaded area which must be weed free. Weeds will grow much more quickly than your cuttings and smother them. Use a garden fork to create holes roughly the depth you want your cutting to go. This saves damaging the cutting shoving it into the ground. Insert the cutting ensuring at least two thirds is under ground and firm the soil around the stem to keep the air out.

Leave for at least a year for the roots to establish then in the Autumn or Winter they can be moved to their required site.

There are many different ways of taking cuttings but I have found that this is the easiest and most reliable method. I have been asked 'What

about doing cuttings in pots?' The problem with this is they are much more prone to drying out and they will need potting on. Thus more work and less reliable.

I don't bother using rooting powder as the method described works well anyway. The method can be used for any type of shrub and some types will have a better success rate than others.

So good luck and have fun with your cuttings.

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### **Climate and Energy, concluded**

#### **Power from Ice Cream**

Engineers in Holland have invented a machine that powers a factory on ice cream!

Ben and Jerry's Chunkinator in Hellendoom converts waste products such as milk, cream syrups and pieces of fruit into energy. They are broken down by 24 billion micro-organisms and converted into biogas. It has provided enough power to make 9 million litres of ice cream in the last 12 months - a good example of the value of food waste energy.

It's both an imaginative and practical idea in making the public more aware.

FoE Press release -  
**Bumblebees most spotted in Great British Bee Count**

Yellow and black bumblebees have been the most common species seen by people logging bee sightings for The Great British Bee Count this summer, using a smartphone app developed by Friends of the Earth, Buglife and B&Q, interim results released today reveal.

More than 23,000 people around the UK have spotted 800,000 bees since the June launch of the citizen science project, which aims to help scientists build a nationwide picture of bee health, as part of the organisations' work to reverse the severe decline in numbers of bees over the past decades.

More than 20 UK bee species are already extinct and about a quarter of the remaining 267 species are at risk.

With just ten days until The Great British Bee Count ends on 31 August, organisers are today urging people to download the free app at [www.greatbritishbeecount.co.uk](http://www.greatbritishbeecount.co.uk) to learn more about these iconic species and how to help them.

### **Selected findings from The Great British Bee Count:**

The survey so far shows some interesting trends. Friends of the Earth hopes to make The Great British Bee Count an annual event so that over time comparable data can help to answer key questions about bee health.

- Yellow and black bumblebees have been the most spotted type of bee in all regions: 239,861 sightings. This category includes the buff-tailed bumblebee, the garden bumblebee and the white-tailed bumblebee – some of our most common bee species.
- Honey bees are the second most spotted in all regions: 131,853 sightings. Almost a third of people who took part reported seeing honey bees – and 86% of these sightings were in gardens. This could be due to a rise in urban beekeeping that means foraging honeybees are seeking nectar and pollen in gardens.
- The tree bumblebee has been creating a buzz, with 68,963 sightings and many people sending photos of these ginger tufted bees nesting in bird boxes. Originally from mainland Europe, this species was first seen in southern England in 2001. We'd like to know how far north this bee has travelled, so please log a sighting when you see one.
- By far the most bees were spotted in gardens (447,291) followed by the countryside (35,458), other (32,061), parks (22,613), roadside (18,129), school grounds (12,183) and allotments (9804). The accessibility of gardens makes them ideal for bee spotting, but it's encouraging to see how people have recorded bee sightings when out and about.

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Experts believe the mild winter has created good weather conditions for bees to thrive this summer, compared to the two preceding cold winters that caused honeybees to suffer. However, the extreme floods in many areas earlier this year will have affected ground-nesting bumblebees along with other wildlife. There is currently no good data on wild bees.

**Friends of the Earth's Senior Nature Campaigner Paul De Zylva said:**

"It's wonderful to see so many people becoming bee-spotters this summer and learning more about these fascinating species using the Great British Bee Count app.

"If you're on holiday, looking for something to do with the kids, or out and about this weekend, download the free app and see what bees you can spot - there are only 10 days left of this year's survey!

"People around the country are doing their bit for bees - we hope the Government will do its bit too by improving its upcoming National Pollinator Strategy so that it fully tackles all the threats bees face, especially from pesticide use and a lack of habitat on farms and new developments."

This month, look out for bees around plants like mint, heather and sunflowers.

**Young Friends of the Earth - Judy Palmer writes**

Young Friends of the Earth is the youth branch of our national organisation and it "mobilises 18-30 year olds to stand up for their future and campaign on environmental issues relevant to them". The group is staffed by volunteers and they are in the process of producing a resources booklet with tips and tricks for engaging and maintaining young people in local FoE groups.

They will act as a mentor for local groups interested in this and welcome any ideas we may have in taking this forward. We have registered an interest in doing this, and if anyone knows of an 18-30 year old who would be interested in joining in, then please get in touch with us via our group email address ([bromleyfoe@gmail.com](mailto:bromleyfoe@gmail.com)) and we will forward the info on.

At the moment they are particularly working on Dirty Energy/Fracking; they have a Comms Group and if anyone is into blogging and social media they would welcome your input; plus they have a fundraising group who are love fundraising music gigs and sponsored cycle rides – if you enjoy them, please do get in touch!

## FoE Press release - **Are current farming methods risking boom or bust with food supplies?**

The push for more intensive agriculture to feed a growing global population risks ecological “boom and bust” according to four of the country’s leading ecologists, writing for Friends of the Earth’s Big Ideas Change the World project.

In a damning critique, they argue that the current dominant thinking on food security treats nature like a machine, demanding ever-increasing productivity, which damages the long term health of ecosystems. As a result, the vital services ecosystems provide, including food production, pollination, climate regulation and flood protection, are vulnerable to collapse.

Lead author of the No dominion over nature paper, **Professor Mark Huxham** from Edinburgh Napier University, said there was a need to rethink current approaches, including the assumptions made about future populations.

“The food we eat doesn’t appear out of thin air, it comes from ecosystems; ecosystems that we are currently abusing through intensive monoculture farming.

“There are many complex reasons why so many people around the world go to bed hungry, but unless we manage our ecosystems sustainably we risk condemning billions to a boom and bust in food production. And unless we address food waste, obesity and population growth the problem will be exacerbated.”

The authors find that efforts to manage ecosystems sustainably while increasing agricultural productivity are currently being hampered by the privatisation of knowledge and a shortage of public funding for international research.

They argue that we need an open source approach to science and technology to develop a shared understanding of how we can manage ecosystems – integrating food production with other services such as watershed and climate regulation in a “mosaic farming” approach.

Despite the bleak outlook, the authors point to examples of a more sustainable approach to agriculture, such as the Chinese Shengtai Nongye programme which takes a broad approach to land management using agroecological engineering.

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### **Nature campaign, *continued***

- **Governments and businesses to take the true value of nature into account when making decisions**  
Instead of moves to turn nature into a tradable unit to sell to the highest bidder.

**BEE Count** – the great British Bee count finishes on 31<sup>st</sup> August, and as of just before the August bank holiday, the total had reached 800,000, brilliant!

## FoE: Earth Overshoot Day - Take action

Did you know this week was a landmark for the planet? On Tuesday we used up all the natural resources we can afford to consume in an entire year. And worryingly we are hitting this limit earlier every year.

But we can do something about this. The new Environment Secretary, Liz Truss, can back a European proposal to increase recycling and cut our use of natural resources.

**Please ask Environment Secretary Liz Truss to support this proposal** (*see below and <http://tinyurl.com/kbdbjgg> for more details*)

Across Europe we rely on other countries' resources to keep our economies going. Our overconsumption in the UK is responsible for coal burned in China, forests chopped down in Indonesia, and much more harm worldwide.

Quite simply we are consuming more than we can naturally afford. And once our natural resources are gone, we can't get them back.

It's time to stop. Please tell Liz Truss today.

### **Here's the email that FoE suggest you send her –**

I am writing to ask you to support the Circular Economy Package, recently tabled by the European Commission. This important set of policies will help reduce the carbon, land, water and raw materials footprints of our imports from around the world to sustainable limits.

Tuesday 19 August was "Earth Overshoot Day" - when we had used up all the natural resources that the Earth can sustain for an entire year. The date gets earlier every year as global demand for resources increases.

Across Europe we rely on other countries' resources to keep our economies going. Our over-consumption in the UK is responsible for coal burned in China, forests chopped down in Indonesia and much more harm worldwide.

But the Government can act to shrink these footprints. Not only is it good for the environment but using resources efficiently is one of the best ways to secure future prosperity in an increasingly resource-constrained world.

Please back the Circular Economy Package's proposals for a 70% domestic recycling target. Research shows that such a target would create tens of thousands of new jobs in the UK, turning our waste into wealth.

Please also support including all four footprints in the package - carbon, land, water and materials - not materials alone. Measuring these is supported by the EU's Resource Efficiency Platform, as only this joined-up set of indicators will give industry and governments the information they need about risks and impacts in their supply chains.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I look forward to hearing from you.

## Introducing George - Our Head of the Rainforests Campaign

George's home was in the rain forests of Indonesia. But they have been bulldozed to make way for an oil palm plantation. (Palm oil to clog our arteries.) As a refugee, George has been rehoused in this multi-storey topiaried yew. He is not happy with his accommodation. Life is not all bad for George though as our paparazzi found when he snapped him on the beach with the babes!



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

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

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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: may be sent by email to [bromleyfoe@gmail.com](mailto:bromleyfoe@gmail.com), or telephone our co-ordinators at the telephone numbers above.

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