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Bromley**

**September 2020**  
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**Our Next Meeting**

***The Bromley  
Environmental Alliance***

***Introduced by  
John Pavitt***

**Virtual meeting**

**Due to Coronavirus and following advice from Friends of the Earth, our September meeting will be a virtual one. See page 2 for full details.**

Usually 7.30pm The Friends Meeting House, Ravensbourne Road, Bromley  
Everyone always welcome

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**NEWSLETTER**

## August Meeting Participation

If you would like to be involved in the August Monthly Meeting, then we intend to run a Zoom meeting as we did last month. Please let us know by either emailing [bromleyfoe@gmail.com](mailto:bromleyfoe@gmail.com) or leaving a message on 020 8289 1503 and we will then send you details of how to join in nearer the time. You can either join using your computer (with video or without) or on a smart phone. Usually a phone number to dial in from any phone is issued with this type of meeting, but due to high demand this function has been disabled.

The first part of the September meeting will be based on the The Bromley Environmental Alliance and its Green Recovery Plan for Bromley. There will be an introduction by John Pavitt, followed by a discussion.

*If you can't attend this meeting, or just find yourself with some spare time, perhaps we can encourage you to become 'Armchair Activists'.*

## Diary Dates

***Please note that due to the Coronavirus, many events have had to be cancelled***

**31<sup>st</sup> Aug (Mon) Cudham Village Fair - Cancelled**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sept (Tues) BFoE Monthly Meeting 7.30pm.** Speaker on the Bromley Environmental Alliance

**11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Sept (Fri-Thurs) Great British September Clean.** If you can, please take part in our litter pick. It can be done alone or in pairs and can be as short as 15 minutes. Do tell us how you get on! See article for guidance.

This is correct at the time of going to press but obviously will be updated in the next monthly newsletter. If you need any further information on these events in the meantime, you can email us on [bromleyfoe@gmail.com](mailto:bromleyfoe@gmail.com)

**If any of the items in this newsletter make you angry, delight you, enthuse you or cause you any other emotion other than apathy, then please jot down a line or two and send it into the newsletter**

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## August Monthly Meeting Report

Peter Gandolfi

There is a film called 'The Plan' used to launch the campaign, available online. The original plan came about in the 1970s when Lucas employed 7000 workers over 17 sites with 12 different unions. Following a period of expansion, in 1974 Lucas Aerospace along with other aerospace companies announced the need to restructure the company as a consequence of increased international competition. Around half of Lucas Aerospace contracts were military, and depended upon public funding. It was argued that state support would be better put to developing products that society needed, rather than the state supporting workers through paying redundancy money.

In 1976 the Lucas Aerospace Combine Shop Stewards Committee produced an alternative plan that advocated the production of socially useful products rather than military. This was in re-

sponse to management announcing the need to cut jobs. Tony Benn at the Dept. of Industry was supportive of this plan, and it was also reviewed by the Financial Times.

150 product ideas were put forward by the workforce. Including: medical equipment, transport systems, energy conservation, oceanics, and fuel cell technology. A 40% increase in the production of kidney dialysis machines was proposed, which at that time were being manufactured on one of the Lucas sites. It was considered scandalous that people could be dying for the want of a kidney machine when those who could be producing them were facing the prospect of redundancy. In the energy sector, proposals included the development of heat pumps, solar cell technology, wind turbines and fuel cell technology - and in transport, a new hybrid power pack for motor vehicles.

The proposals were rejected out of hand by Lucas management, not



wanting to diversify from aerospace work, even though they had clearly indicated that this work was in decline, and the existence of marginal industrial and medical equipment could have been built upon.

The plan received worldwide support, but not from the government. Forty years on, Lucas Aerospace as a company no longer exists, parts of it having been sold off. Like other UK-based manufacturing companies, Lucas Aerospace was a victim of poor management, and a sad lack of government strategy. The products put forward by the worker's plan are now mainstream. Two examples (there are numerous others) of this are the production of hybrid power packs by most vehicle manufacturers and the contribution that wind turbines, make to our renewable energy needs.

We seem to be continuously in crisis. This could be a good opportunity of changing our economy for the better, or redirecting it towards a better deal.

There was time for a few questions at the end of the presentation. These included:

A book 'The Deficit Myth' was recommended by John Bassendine.

**Q** - What would you suggest that we can do in the local community?

**A** – Have a discussion with your members on Industrial Strategy in Bromley and related green issues such as energy efficient houses.

**Q** – What needed to be in place in the 1970s for the Lucas plan to be realised,

considering that Labour were in power with the slogan – 'White Heat of Technology'.

**A** – Individuals supported the plan, but there was no structure or political will to put pressure on the management to implement the plan.

<https://lucasplan.org.uk>

## Second Half

Sheila Brown

Following the talk, we had our usual wide ranging discussion of various items.

John Pavitt reported on a recent Bromley Environmental Alliance meeting; to some extent things are on hold at the moment re setting up this group, the name of which has however now been confirmed. The group aims to contribute positively to Bromley's environmental decision-making and to this end has set up a series of goals. People are invited to contribute to this from all kinds of community groups and sectors, not just environmental ones. Environmental education needs to be given far higher priority in schools and to be built into the syllabus across the board, not just confined to geography. Annette reminded us about the Eco-schools scheme.

As the Great British Spring Clean had to be cancelled, there will now be a Great British September Clean on 11<sup>th</sup> September, with individuals participating by cleaning up their own area.

Tamara drew our attention to an Open

Letter from Friends of the Earth urging both Prince Charles and the Church Commissioners to plant more trees on the vast amounts of land they own. This has been forwarded to members to sign.

We still have no walks or outings planned, but Sue drew our attention to “street parks” – areas where streets have been reclaimed for people with plants and seats provided, and mentioned the Van Gogh walk in Stockwell, which you can find on the internet.

There was much discussion of the campaign to save Swanscombe Marshes, threatened by a planned theme park. This is an area of great importance for birds, in particular the Dartford Warbler and the Marsh Harrier – birds ‘bounce in and out’ of the North Kent marshes and it is a significant habitat for wading birds. Our group will support the fight against this theme park. RSPB Gravesend’s website carries more details. (*See item later in this edition*)

## **Zoom Etiquette**

Annette Rose

Thank you to our members who have been joining us in our monthly meetings on Zoom. We hope you have found it useful and informative in keeping up with the group while we are unable to meet in the Friends Meeting House. We would welcome any feedback on how you are finding these meetings.

Here are just a few thoughts...

It is best to press the mute button and stay on mute unless you wish to speak.

(The microphone picks up any little sounds)

Press the mute button as soon as you join, especially important if you are joining late as you may be interrupting a speaker with noises from your device..

The host (Rob) can mute every-one as he wishes when there is a speaker.

Try to settle your phone /tablet still on a surface and place so we can see you. (if you want!)

Do use the chat facility. This is on the bottom bar, You can send messages to the whole group or an individual.

If there is a discussion, raise your hand if you wish to speak and the person leading the discussion will spot you and invite you to speak.

## **Newsletter**

Congratulations and thanks to Rob Clark who one year ago stepped into the breach when our long-time Newsletter editor John Street moved away to the south coast. Rob has now edited the Newsletter for a year with great success and enthusiasm, with some ‘bumper’ issues. However, Rob has a very busy work life in addition to his editing, so would be grateful for all we can do to make his job easier.

The number of pages in the Newsletter has to be a multiple of four, which is why we have had issues of varying sizes. Sometimes Rob will need to fill three more pages – so the more material that can be sent to him the better, but he

needs to receive this in a print-ready version as he does not have an army of typists available or time to re-write things.

He would also love to receive people's photos, as these can be good page fillers and add to the interest, particularly in colour online.

So please, if you value and enjoy our Newsletter, keep the material flowing in.

### **Readers' Views**

A BFoE newsletter reader has sent the following comments in to us. Peter Gandolfi has replied to some of the points. Please feel free to add your views by sending them to the editor for the next newsletter.

### **Rubbish Incineration**

'Burning of all kinds except one "churns out toxins". The exception is professional incineration through a commercial chimney designed to remove them.

Domestic burning, on bonfires, fire-pits, log fires, garden incinerators, BBQs, even candles and incense, emits as much toxins as transport. Trees are destroyed to make wood pellets, to ship into u.k. to fill power stations and private fires.

I chanced to know three people, two extremely fervent environmentalists. One of them was an exceptional internationally known microparticle physicist. Her husband was a microbiologist. The third was running the

Deptford incinerator, which burns rubbish from Lewisham and various surrounding boroughs, dealing with the rubbish problem, and producing electricity, as well as providing a revenue stream for the home borough.

These sceptical scientists set out with great suspicion to view every aspect, and were permitted unlimited access to all paperwork. They pored over the figures, cross-examined the constructors and management, over several days and repeated visits.

To their surprise, they concluded that burning was the most eco-friendly of all methods of rubbish disposal, for much of the rubbish. The rubbish is sorted, to remove certain items, but the remainder is too expensive in cash, in energy, or in water.

Equally to their surprise, they, and expert colleagues they invited to work with them were also completely satisfied that no toxins remained in the final output from the chimney.

It may be counter-intuitive, but it seems possible the assertion on page 3 is unsupported.'

### **Virtual Conferencing**

'Please could you say if anyone anywhere in the world is in touch with the Committee on Climate Change? If so, could someone ask why they, of all organisations in the world, perpetuate the climate-destroying fantasy that there is no such thing as online conferencing?

They are mocking what they purport to have as their objective. They must lead

by example and declare they have abandoned forever the practice of flying round the world to sit in a room together, now internet has been invented so there are other methods to communicate and hold conferences.

U.K. should announce that, as hosts, they are facilitating the 2021 online U.N. Summit with technology, refusing to use the reprehensible unsustainable old method with hotel rooms, plane loads of people, conference centres and pandemic-friendly personal contacts.'

A reply from Peter Gandolfi

It's nice to get some criticism.

As you are probably aware, I do not always agree with the views of environmental organisations - among others! This is probably due to them wanting to see things in black and white terms.

This good, that bad. Now this may make campaigning simpler, but the truth rarely is, and it is the details that can be important.

Now, looking at the points raised:

### **Incineration**

I remember the film covering this, and for this subject both sides can be right, for different reasons.

Yes it's bad to consider certain recyclable plastics and other material being burnt, but the option of landfill can be even worse. Many plastics cannot be recycled and until these can be avoided, incineration can be a good solution.

I used to pass the Deptford SELCHP

plant twice a day for more than a decade and was aware of Greenpeace's thoughts at that time. It is a combined heat and power plant, and its emissions figures are publicly available. They used to do tours, have Bromley FoE been there?

It all depends on the temperature of burn and oxygen content. The process can be very clean, and I would have thought that getting a licence so close to central London would have ensured tight legislation.

### **UN Climate Conference in UK**

I spent many years trying to get a national organisation spread around the country to use zoom type applications, which can work for meetings, but what can be missed is the interaction before and after meetings. Can you imagine the National FoE meetings over Zoom? No neither can I.

I find myself agreeing here, and feel that environmental organisations should at least try and show what can be done without lots of air miles.

### **Swanscombe Marshes**

Swanscombe Marshes are under threat of development, meaning the loss of a huge area of nature importance. There is a petition being circulated to fight this development. For those reading this newsletter electronically, please use the link below to find out more and sign the petition. For those with a paper copy, please search for 'No fun for nature - save Swanscombe Marshes' in any search engine and find the 38 Degrees site.

[https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/no-fun-for-nature-save-swanscombe-marshes?share=74b21fe6-8a50-4d12-8bf1-7cdf7531e5d&source=email-share-button&utm\\_medium=socialshare&utm\\_source=email](https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/no-fun-for-nature-save-swanscombe-marshes?share=74b21fe6-8a50-4d12-8bf1-7cdf7531e5d&source=email-share-button&utm_medium=socialshare&utm_source=email)

Recent news <http://www.rspbgravesend.org.uk/2020/06/save-swanscombe-marshes/>

Older story from 2018 <http://thelostbyway.com/2018/11/swanscombe-marshes-thames-landscape-threat.html>

Notes from Paul Garratt

I was asked to supply some information on Swanscombe Marshes at the August meeting.

OS Explorer Map 162 Greenwich and Gravesend

RSPB GRAVESEND <http://www.rspbgravesend.org.uk/2020/06/save-swanscombe-marshes/>  
A hiking website: a walk from Ebbsfleet Intl. Rail Station. <http://thelostbyway.com/2018/11/swanscombe-marshes-thames-landscape-threat.html>

I also walked to Botany Marshes to the east of the peninsula where there is a sewage works, on my old map, which is important for birds and wildlife even if it is now not operating.

Broadness Salt Marsh is at the top beside the Thames; I remember walking past the radio mast there opposite Grays, Essex.

Tilbury Docks, with a small marsh behind it to the north, is east of these marsh-

es. Rainham Marshes is 7km to the west.

Swanscombe and adjacent 2 marshes, as mentioned, are an important step - extension of the European 'top' site for wading birds: North Kent Marshes.

I walked from Swanscombe Station as shown in the video in the second link above - the hiking one.

## The Seas Roll In

Concrete covers front gardens  
Polluting four-by-fours zoom by  
Carbon dioxide hazes mingle  
Deforestation creates arid wastelands  
Orang-utans cease to breed  
Corporations heedlessly profit  
And the seas roll in  
Forest fires burn luxury pads  
Land masses slowly sink  
Polar bears cling to snow islands  
And drown as the ice caps melt  
Cliffs crumble and slide on to beaches  
We build more defences and hope  
And the seas roll in  
And as the seas roll in  
Their constancy brings energy  
Tidal turbines whine and throb  
As the waves swirl and break  
Saving us from obliteration  
from sinking into the abyss  
Let the seas roll in

*Ann Garrett Ashley (Nov/05 - revised Oct/09)*



## Fans

Rob Clark

If it had been April 1st then I would have smelled a rat. But it's not! However, this scheme still sounds like a ridiculous joke. See what you think.

<https://www.suffolkgazette.com/news/wind-farms-ordered-to-create-breeze-to-cool-down-britain/>

Apparently, the government had ordered offshore wind farm owners to reverse their turbines to fan the UK! Government renewable energy minister Lorraine Fisher, 34, said: "We have plenty of electricity stockpiled currently. With enough to keep the lights on, it makes sense to reverse the turbines and use them as giant fans."

I am deeply suspicious of this as you cannot 'stockpile' electricity unless you have huge batteries, something the national grid have no capacity for. This has always been the argument against alternative forms of electricity production: the fact that they cannot supply electricity on demand and what they produce cannot be stored. Another government minister without a clue? You judge.

## Campaigns

### Planning Monitoring Team

#### Climate, Energy and Transport

Ann Garrett

#### Bricks into Batteries

The basic house brick has been turned into a battery that can store electricity, showing the possibility that buildings could one day become literal power

houses!

A new technology exploits the porous nature of simple red bricks by filling the pores with tiny particles of a conducting plastic that can store charge.

Researchers around the world are working to increase the energy density of 'supercapacitors', as well as the charging speeds of batteries.

Finding better ways to store electricity is a crucial part of dealing with the climate crisis.

#### The Gaia Theory

James Lovelock who developed The Gaia Theory - the revolutionary idea that life on earth is a self-regulating community of organisms interacting with each other - has just published a new book 'Novacene' which he has said is his last, as he has just turned 101. However, he says he is working on one follow-up!

In an interview about the book, he expresses his concerns about extreme weather; refers to the pandemic; the first temperatures over 100°F in the Arctic Circle; immense fires in Australia and Siberia; and plagues of locusts in Africa and South America. Fourteen years ago he had predicted that extreme weather would become the norm and that the world would see more disasters in 2020.

I interpret this as saying that Covid-19 has come to intervene in a process of regulation, which will sort out the environment and actually in the end preserve the planet Earth and save it from destruction.

On a positive note James Lovelock dis-

cusses energy - 'It is beginning to look as if renewable energy - wind and solar , if properly used , may be the answer to the energy problems of humanity'.

### **The Hydrogen Boom**

This next article is based on a report promoting the use of hydrogen. It begins by saying that Britain has fallen behind in wind power and batteries, but that the green fuel hydrogen could transform our post-Covid economy.. .

Hydrogen has been 'the next big thing' for a long time, but the the problem has been the expensive complexity of actually producing it to fuel cars, and storing it to provide heating.

Green hydrogen is produced from renewable sources and bypasses the use of fossil fuels to produce it. It can be stored and kept in reserves to be deployed as an inter-seasonal fuel, supplementing wind and solar power. It can heat homes and workplaces being distributed through the existing infrastructure of the National Grid. It can be used to decarbonise trains and buses and provide green fuel for heavy duty vehicles, for which electric battery power is impractical. In synthetic form, hydrogen could even help fly zero carbon planes.

A new hydrogen economy now needs promoting and investment, and of course it could provide plenty of green jobs as part of The Green New Deal !

### **Nature/Trees**

Judy Palmer, Annette Rose, Diana Hurd

The letter to the Prince of Wales and Church Commissioners.

To the Duchy of Cornwall and the Church Commissioners,  
Trees are a vital part of the fight against climate breakdown and provide homes for many species of wildlife.

Friends of the Earth's new research has found, however, that your estates have startlingly low levels of woodland cover – 3% of the Church Commissioners' landholdings, and 6% woodland cover in the case of the Duchy of Cornwall. England as a whole is 10% wooded. Out of the top ten institutional landowners in England, your two organisations ranked last in terms of woodland cover.

As two of the country's largest landowners, we urge you to do more. The Duchy's support for environmentally-friendly farming is world-famous, and the Church Commissioners' commitment to reach net zero is a good first step. But it's clear that all landowners need to do more to restore lost habitats and invest in nature-based solutions to climate change.

Other large landowners are stepping up to make ambitious commitments to increase woodland cover on their estates, from the National Trust to water companies.

We appreciate that your estates also contain other precious habitats that need protecting and restoring – and we are certainly not proposing any expansion of tree cover that would damage these. Friends of the Earth's mapping shows that it's possible to double England's woodland cover without impacting on other Priority Habitats, designated sites or valuable farmland. Nor

are we suggesting simply prioritising quantity of trees over quality of new habitat – we'd love to see more land-owners encouraging the natural regeneration of scrub and saplings, with more land being rewilded.

We would be delighted to meet with you to discuss the findings of our research further and provide assistance with mapping suitable land for trees.

Yours sincerely,

Guy Shrubsole

Campaigner, Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland

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I noticed in one of the posts on Facebook this week, from the Woodland Trust, that Sheffield have announced they are halting the felling of healthy trees. And about time too eh?! The city lost more than 5,000 of its trees because of their policy. The Trust praised the local residents who have worked for eight years to get to this victory for democracy.

Please don't forget that you will find lots of information on the national Friends of the Earth website – [www.foe.co.uk](http://www.foe.co.uk) – and in the Tree Campaigns section you will find a short video interviews with the broadcaster Dan Snow who is helping spearhead the campaign. Fascinating stuff!

Even though the Bee Cause is not a prime campaign issue with us now, there is a section on the site with lots of information, plus the chance to get a Bee Saver kit to help you encourage bees to your garden. There may well be a national pollinator strategy in

place now, but bees still need our help. And as this pandemic has shown us – a thriving natural habitat is vital to the country and our health and well-being.

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This is the letter I sent to Zac Goldsmith, in response to the Draft England Tree Strategy consultation, which is due to end on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2020. If you wish to respond to this document, you can write (as I have done) or complete a questionnaire regarding the Strategy.

**The government is asking for views on:**

how to expand, protect and improve our public and private trees and woodlands,

the increased role that trees and woodlands can play in supporting the economy,

how best to further connect people to nature, and

the most effective way in which trees and woodlands can be created and managed to help combat climate change.

Dear Zac Goldsmith

I am writing on behalf of Bromley Friends of the Earth in response to the draft England Tree Strategy.

The strategy recognises that trees are an essential part of any climate strategy and have important national and local benefits too. However, there are some key points that are not made in the strategy which we would like to highlight.

There is no clear target to increase tree cover and what is planned would only increase woodland cover from 10% to 12% by 2050. This is woefully inadequate.

quate. England's current tree cover is significantly lower than that of many European countries (which have an average of 38%) so we should be doing much more to address this shortfall. A target of doubling tree cover by 2050 could help absorb 10% of the UK's current greenhouse gas emissions annually. Moreover, setting an ambitious target such as this would instil more urgency and could be more effective too, as demonstrated by the ambitious target set for the COVID-19 testing for example.

Funding is key to this strategy. Without adequate funding/incentives and publicity, far less would be achieved. Friends of the Earth believe a figure of £500m per year is needed to meet the target of doubling tree cover. A workforce (including volunteers) should be set up to help with schemes in each area so that they could develop local expertise.

As to where to plant, trees should be the first consideration for flooded areas/degraded land and should be a mandatory part of new builds. Landowners should also be directly approached and given incentives to increase tree cover. However, any tree planting in urban areas MUST be accompanied by watering in times of drought for the first year. It is becoming increasingly apparent that climate change has heralded longer periods of wet weather or drought, making it hard for new trees to survive. Particularly in the South East, extreme weather or drought must be accounted for and after-care of newly planted trees must

be provided. Biosecurity is an essential part of tree care, as stated in the Tree Strategy, and tree nurseries should be supported up and down the country to provide the trees, and a national workforce created to manage and care for trees (as mentioned above).

What to plant is an issue mentioned in the Strategy. England needs much more native broadleaved woodland but planting (or regeneration) should be managed carefully to ensure that biodiversity, the conditions of the local habitat and of course climate change are considered.

Finally, tree planting should be an essential part of the Tree Strategy, but natural regeneration should also be mentioned. There should be grants for providing areas, particularly around existing forest/woodland for the natural self-seeding of trees. Self-seeded trees often survive better than planted ones and, of course, do not require the effort to plant. This should therefore definitely be part of the Strategy.

We hope that you will be able to consider these points in any future version of the Tree Strategy.

Regards

Diana Hurd

Tree Campaigner for Bromley Friends of the Earth

## **Plastics**

Annette Rose

## **Socially Useful Production**

Michael Reinsborough, our August speaker on the New Lucas plan, spoke of **Socially Useful Production**, and we

paused to discuss what products might fall into this category and also what falls into the opposite category of being not socially useful or downright useless. I should like to nominate those awful transparent plastic blister packs used to enclose products one buys: irritating in the extreme when trying to open them, unnecessary use of plastic, and replacing much more user-friendly and environmental, even sometimes reusable, small boxes. I invite readers to nominate other socially unuseful products.

**Tesco** is leading the way in rolling out reusable containers in partnership with the circular economy organisation Loop. It is currently starting to deliver these to online customers; the empty containers are then collected, sanitised and refilled for resale to other customers. Products available under this newly introduced scheme include yogurts, shampoo and laundry detergents. Customers pay a deposit on the containers, which is refunded when they are returned. Many big names, such as Heinz, Coca Cola, Danone, Nivea and Persil have signed up to the pilot project.

### **The Eden Project is set to expand**

Founder Tim Smit is working on 17 eco-schemes across the world. Closer to home, two new Eden Projects are due to open in Morecombe and in Londonderry. Tim has also launched the Eden Life Systems Academy to research ways of tackling climate change, biodiversity loss and soil degradation. At the original site in Cornwall there are plans for all the biomes, offices and greenhouses to be powered by the first deep geothermal heating system in Britain, drill-

ing 4.5 km down into the earth, with the scheme ultimately providing heat and power for the surrounding area.

### **Great British September Clean 2020**

Many of you will have seen the pictures in the media of litter strewn beaches and countryside. It really seems that many of the public have forgotten the important messages around how to deal with their litter. So this clean up campaign is very important at this time.

The Great British Spring Clean had to be cancelled earlier this year because of the pandemic. But 'Keep Britain Tidy' is going ahead with a 'Great British September Clean' and we do hope you will be able to take part.

Bromley Friends of the Earth is asking its members to 'Pledge to Pick.' a Rather than having a large group, we are asking people to litter pick alone or in pairs. You can choose any area you wish, convenient to your home, that you feel would benefit from a clean-up.

Please read the guidance below supplied by Keep Britain Tidy.

- Individuals currently shielding, in 'at risk' groups or displaying symptoms (or in contact with those with symptoms) or have been directly advised to self-isolate should not litterpick.
- Tell someone where you are going and stay in mobile contact.
- Use your own gloves and a litter-picker. Clean both after use before storing.
- Wash hands before and after at home or nearby w/c facilities.

- Carry hand sanitiser if you have some.
- Stay at least one metre from fellow volunteers and members of the public.
- Unless you have made an arrangement with your local council to collect your full rubbish bags, don't pick any more than you can put in your own bin at home.

Don't pick up sharps/syringes. Our date for the clean-up is 11<sup>th</sup> September but you can do your clean up any time between 11<sup>th</sup> September and 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. If you are able, please put bottles and cans etc. in your recycling bins.

If you wish, you can register your 'Pledge to Pick' at . <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean/pledge-to-pick>

Please could you also let Bromley Friends of the Earth know? You can email us at [bromleyfoe@gmail.com](mailto:bromleyfoe@gmail.com) Or reply to a reminder email that will be sent out in September. It would be great if you could make a note of how much rubbish you collected and take a photo of yourself with your collection bag if you can. I am hoping to send a short article to the local press and announce our results on social media. Thank you in advance for your help.

## Supplies That Don't Cost the Earth

*This is a regular reference point for useful and practical resources, helping us to sustain the greenest lifestyles we can. These are not recommendations from Bromley or National FoE, but are just suggested by BFoE members. Any suggestions or reviews gratefully received. bromleyfoe@gmail.com*

### Internet

<https://www.peacewiththewild.co.uk/>

Wide range of biodegradable and natural products

<https://www.mygreenpod.com/>

'Ethical' products news and advice

<https://www.ethicalsuperstore.com/>

[www.greenfinder.co.uk](http://www.greenfinder.co.uk) - a useful directory of environmental companies for all kinds of things.

*Naturallythinking*, Unit 2 Mill Lane Trading Estate, Mill Lane, Croydon, CR0 4AA, 020 3856 3588: <https://naturallythinking.com/>

*Crowdfarming*, wide selection of directly supplied products from farmers around the world, many organic: <https://www.crowdfarming.com/en>

### Facebook

*Greener & Cleaner Bromley (& Beyond)* Consumer action!

*Hayes Life Freebeecyclers* There may be something similar in your area.

## Reuse

If you have any items that you no longer need and that could be of use to someone then please let us know and we will publish them in the Newsletter. Alternatively, you could bring them along to our monthly meeting and put them on the table in reception. Any donations to BFoE from sales will be greatly appreciated.

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## **Non-members Section**

If you are not a member of Bromley Friends of the Earth (BFoE) then hello to you. 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 acting co-ordinators Sheila Brown or Ann Garrett (their details are inside the back page of this newsletter.) Alternatively you can come along to one of our 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, on the right going down. 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** (\*delete as appropriate)

I would like to support Bromley Friends of the Earth and enclose my annual subscription (£8 single/£15 couple/family.) I also enclose a donation (optional) of £..... to help towards the work of our local group.

Name: .....

Address: .....

Post Code: ..... Phone No: .....

Email address: .....

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

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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 [bromleyfoe@gmail.com](mailto:bromleyfoe@gmail.com) or contact one of our co-ordinators via their details inside.