

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Notes of Business Meeting

7th Feb 2011 at MEA

Present	Judith Rice; Dave Green; John Rice; Jon Haycox; Sue Fisher; Phil Pool; Ian Gregson	
Apologies	Judy Coleridge; Frank Oldaker; Barbara Philips; Mo Gregson	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Treasurer's Report	Very little spent since last meeting. UKWIN subscription paid Total in bank £3,810 comprising: No Way £2,078 and ShrewsFoE inc UMEE £1,732	
Membership	66 members in total with 46 renewals due this year. 6 members renewed their membership at the meeting.	
Co-ordinator Update circulated	Update sent out prior to the meeting. Decided to reverse order so that local news and events come first. Meeting decided that we will not have a stall at the Ludlow Green Fair.	JR
FEEDBACK		
Incinerator	No news of an appeal yet. DG reported that in his meeting with Kim Ryley SC had little choice in their decision but they had a say in which barrister was chosen. Veolia have agreed to pay more than agreed for the appeal. N.B. The appeal was announced the following day and FoE is working in partnership with other groups to mount a strong campaign against the incinerator. There will be much to do. Watch this space	DG All
NWRR	Since our last meeting SC has confirmed that this was being 'put to bed'. We got a significant amount of press publicity from this although not all was quoted correctly!	
Transport	The Bus Strategy consultation continues and Transition Town Shrewsbury are organising a public meeting at the Gateway on 19 th February. The cycling contra-flow plans are out and proving popular. Phil will be attending 2 cycling meetings shortly and will report back. Regarding the Shropshire Transport Strategy, we are pushing for more sustainable travel plans for Shrewsbury and are not convinced that the Parkway station is needed. A feasibility study should be done first before it is written into a plan. IG attended a HiSpeed2 session at the Regional Gathering which is against the route of the high speed rail link. DG heard that SC car scheme may be extended as a public car club at weekends.	ALL
Waste and recycling	IG attended a Think Waste Commercial meeting at Shire Hall for both SC and T&W. A bid will be made to employ a co-ordinator to develop this. There is plenty of scope and some examples of good practice already which could be built on. A recent report supported emphasised the need for strengthening recycling separation at the point of collection which would reinforce the message that recycling is being taken seriously and also reduce costs. N.B. FoE Recycling Day of Action 19th March	
Climate Change & Energy	DG suggested that we all ask our MP to sign EDM 644, Energy generation and saving. However, it appears that he cannot sign EDM's. Nevertheless it is still worth writing to him to show that his constituents are concerned about this. The Government is drawing up plans for long term energy needs and expensive new infrastructure but have admitted that they have NOT carried out an assessment to compare the costs and benefits of energy efficiency against those of generating energy. EDM 644 seeks to remedy this crucial deficiency. DG reported that he is responding to SC re: 4 related documents on maintaining services in extreme climatic conditions.	All DG

Planning	On Thursday afternoon SC will consider the Sainsbury's planning proposal. PP may be speaking against this. In the near future PP will also be working on 2 planning applications that have cycling implications.	PP
Biodiversity	There will be a meeting on the sell-off of forests at SWT at 7p.m. on Tuesday 22 nd Feb. IG& MG will be highlighting this issue with posters on the Shropshire Fights Back march next Saturday.	
Food	GM appears to be raising concerns again. Contact MEPs over MOOvement campaign (see Co-ord's report). An informal meeting about the possible future of the long-standing wholefood shop in Castle Gates - Wild Thyme -will be held on Sunday 13th February, at 3 pm, at the new Shrewsbury Coffee House (2 doors up from the Shrewsbury Bakehouse). Sheila Sagar of the Shrewsbury Bakehouse will chair, and everyone who has any interest is very welcome.	
FUTURE EVENTS	We have been invited to have a stall at the Green Fair at SWT on 9 th July. IG confirming this	IG
Walks +Talks	Proposed energy event between Easter and summer. Invite recently appointed research assistant for Keele project, someone from Stretton Climate Care and have a quiz on energy.	DG
Newsletter	Jon had edited and printed an interesting NL which we folded, labelled and stapled for distribution.	
Press & Publicity	Quite a bit of coverage on NWRR and IG had a letter published.	
Matters arising from notes of last meeting	N/A	
AOB	The campaigning options pack was discussed to help us choose which national campaigns we want to work on in the first half of 2011.	
Future dates	Next Business Meeting 7 th March 7:30 p.m. @ MEA	