

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Notes of Business Meeting

4th July 2011 at MEA

Present	Judith Rice; Dave Green; Jon Haycox; Phil Pool; Ian, Judy Coleridge; Frank Oldaker; Barbara Phillips, Denise Thompson	
Apologies	John Rice; Sue Fisher;	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Treasurer's Rept	Incinerator appeal raised £2,035 so far with £533 expenses so balance = £1,502; Total in bank on 4/7/11 £4,237. ShFoE funds = £2,735. An additional £230 has been donated to the incinerator appeal since this report. Total now = £1,732.	
Membership	Membership on file shows 71 - this includes 13 dilatory re-joiners who have been sent reminders. Final figures will be given in September when we decide to remove the non-payers before sending the next Newsletter.	
Co-ordinator	National conference is on 10/11 Sept. JR cannot go and others not available. DG will consider whether he will be able to attend. Judith explained that there were a number of reasons that meant she would not be able to be the co-ordinator next year.	DG
FEEDBACK		
Incinerator	DG and Keith met with planning officers at the Shirehall; their draft evidence is due in a few days. Next meeting on 15 July. DG and KK inspected Veolia's invoices for the past 12 months. Current cost of landfill £4m pa. Note that the incinerator will cost minimum £10m pa to run. KK met with SC and Veolia to discuss forecast waste levels: estimates vary. Long term trends are down. DG contacted by Richard III Foundation Incorporated who are concerned about the reputation of Richard III and the effect of the incinerator! Battlefield Trust also concerned. DG availability at hearing: here for opening day 27 Sept; not for rest of that week; here for following 2 weeks; not for final week. SFOE representation needed when he is away. DG will circulate a timetable and ask for people's availability.	DG
Transport	PP awaiting reply from Ron Buzzcott regarding a meeting. Result of the sustainable transport bid to DfT will be announced soon. At previous meeting, PP agreed to organise a meeting about Shropshire Local Transport Plan and let interested people know: FO, JR, BP. Final proposals for Connect 2 cycling funding went to committee on Thursday – result not yet announced. PP to find out. The Shropshire Star has information about bus services to be axed/reduced: mostly weekends and Sundays.	PP PP
Waste and recycling	JC attended Sh Community Recycling Ltd meeting – Veolia not present. Revive doing well. South Sh Furniture Scheme is planning to increase recycling of cardboard, paper and wood. It was noted that Telford is recycling mattresses.	
Climate Change & Energy	DG has contacted Daniel Kaczynski about the Energy Bill. No response yet. A community share scheme proposal regarding the hydro electric scheme on the weir has been submitted to SC. The council also invited other expressions of interest and 9 have been received. The community share scheme submission sent to Share Energy but outcome not expected for a while SC will replace oil boilers in community buildings with biomass within next 9 months. There is a proposal for a wind turbine at Pennerley DT asked whether there were moves to turn off street lighting. Not clear whether there is a management plan for street lighting. It may be a parish level responsibility. MEA has been successful in getting £30,000 to enable them to support community groups. Keele project advisory group meeting on 25 July. JR may be able to attend instead of DH who is unable to do so. Dave to confirm date and time to JR	DG
Planning	Planning Liaison Group was interesting in relation to the 3 main shopping malls in town which are to be extended into each other. Exhibition 14/15/16 July re plans. Tesco are revising their development plans; the banks will not be demolished. The Localism Bill is going through the Lords; Shropshire is a pilot area. Planning permission been refused for the Pengwern site.	
FUTURE EVENTS	Green Fair 9 July. FO, BP JH, JR, JR, IG available. Collecting signatures in Battlefield re incinerator. FO will co-ordinate an evening and possibly a morning session. 28 Aug Ludlow Fair. We have booked a stall. DT, JR, JR, JC & FO will be available. JR will co-ordinate by phone.	FO, BP, JH, JR, JR, IG, JC JR

	JR attended the meeting to discuss which group should represent the environmental voluntary sector in Shropshire at SC. JR suggested a coalition of all the groups should act to put pressure on the Environmental Delivery Group to actively deliver – agreed. Meeting on 8 July to decide how to proceed. JR also proposed that SEA continue to exist and have a watching brief to ensure that this approach is successful.	
Walks +Talks	AGM: Kate Anderson agreed to speak on zero waste. Problems with appropriate venue. JC to continue to pursue 22 or 23 Nov and Gateway. W&T: proposed that incinerator hearing be the Sept ‘event’ Oct: visit to Dogs’ Trust Spring: Mark Scutt re hydro electric scheme The programme should reach JH by 16 August	JC, JH, JR,BP,DG
Newsletter	Deadline for next edition’s contributions is 16th August so Jon can do the layout and email out for printing. JR, BP & DG can print. JR to co-ordinate printing. We will staple and label at our September meeting.	ALL
Press & Publicity	DG had a letter in the press re pylons FoE anniversary photo and article in press	
Matters arising from notes of last meeting	Green Guide: not everyone has submitted their sections. New deadline: 13 August. Please include a ‘hot tip’ or ‘best practice’. JC to contact SC about putting a link on their website to the Green Guide.	
AOB	Discussion re co-ordinator role. Discussion to be continued at the Sept business meeting as a main item. DG offered himself as a substitute to stand in for JR at the next meeting if she wished.	
Future dates	Next Business Meeting 5th September 7:30 p.m. @ MEA	