

**Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth**  
**Notes of Business Meeting**  
7<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at MEA

<b>Present</b>	Judith & John Rice; Dave Green; Jon Haycox; Sue Fisher; Ian Gregson; Judy Coleridge; Frank Oldaker;	
<b>Apologies</b>	Phil Pool; Barbara Philips; Mo Gregson	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Total in bank £3,810: No Way £2,078 and ShrewsFoE £1,732 Agreed treasurer to ask No Way group what they would like to do with the money that we are holding on their behalf.	John
<b>Membership</b>	66 members on the books with 26 still to renew their 2011 subscriptions.	
<b>Co-ordinator</b>	Update sent out prior to the meeting. Lots of events locally and regionally.	
<b>FEEDBACK</b>		
<b>Incinerator</b>	The Veolia appeal will take place from 27 <sup>th</sup> September for approx 3 weeks in the Council Chamber. Dave is liaising with Keith Kondakor of Nuneaton FoE and Shlomo Dolwen and Tim Hill of UK Without Incineration (UKWIN). All 3 have great experience of fighting incinerator appeals. The meeting agreed that Dave will manage this campaign and be paid out-of-pocket expenses. We will shortly register as a Rule 6 party for the Battlefield Incinerator appeal inquiry which will give us a chance to cross examine Veolia's witnesses. The other Rule 6 parties are likely to be Shropshire Council Planning Department who will be defending the planning committee's decision to turn the application down (N.B. meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> March) and Joyce Jagger of the Battlefield Heritage site. There will however be other objectors requesting to speak. Final proofs of evidence required by end August. We have some funds available for this campaign but will launch an appeal to supplement this with a target of at least £2,000. Dave to let Judith have wording to circulate to members. The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to Dave for all his work on this campaign.	<b>DG</b>
<b>Transport</b>	<p><u>Connect2/ CycleShrewsbury steering group meeting, March 1<sup>st</sup></u> <span style="float: right;">Report received from Phil Pool</span>  No sure exactly how much longer funding continues for, but it reduces rather than stops dead. Much of it is schools or sports-focussed – resulting in large increases in young people cycling to school in targeted schools. The big one funding-wise will be the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, bid deadline April 18<sup>th</sup>. SC will ask for £5M, expect £3M+ over 4 years.  Cycle parking: stands being erected in suburban shopping centres, surgeries etc, also outside (as well as Platform 7) station. Traffic counts over past 5 years all reveal cycle use steadily increasing by several per cent a year.  <u>Cycling Contraflow</u>: good feedback to proposals, Belmont and Shoplatch (pavement) criticised so will be dropped. Abbey Foregate re-looked at. The rest likely to go ahead.  <u>Roushill/Raven Meadows consultation</u> These proposals (designed by Mouchel not in-house) are quite flawed. Phil has responded, having canvassed SFoE members. John Grimshaw (Sustrans) will be touring developments in Shrewsbury on Monday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 9.30 on, if you want to join him for some of the way, get in touch with Emma Bullard (SC).  <u>Local Sustainable Transport Fund</u> Frank to look at this and respond.  <u>Bus consultation</u> still open</p>	<b>FO</b>
<b>Waste and recycling</b>	<p><u>FoE Recycling Day of Action</u> 19<sup>th</sup> March but we are assembling on 12<sup>th</sup>. Post cards distributed. Survey question "Would you say that your household is managing to put less rubbish in your general waste wheelie bin than 5 years ago? Judy to arrange photographer. Judith to collate survey and send press release. Meet at Rowley's House at 10 45 a.m.  <u>Green Guide</u>: Judy asked members to look out for examples of good practice or links to excellence elsewhere to include in the GG</p>	<b>JR JC</b>
<b>Climate Change &amp; Energy</b>	<p>DG was unable to respond to SC on maintaining services in extreme climatic conditions. Dave will attend the Climate Action Think Tank on 26<sup>th</sup> March at URC</p>	

<b>Planning</b>	Phil attended Planning Liaison meeting in early February -possible funds from Sainsbury's for promoting Shop in the Loop and to ease traffic congestion. <u>Core Strategy Inspector</u> reported and Dave disappointed that few recommendations accepted. NWRR remains in the plan but Parkway station now a potential rather than a definite. The inspector felt that the sustainability checklist would be dealt with as a separate document. Existing waste capacity exceeds requirements.	
<b>Biodiversity</b>		
<b>Food</b>	Judy misquoted about Wild Thyme meeting by Chronicle. Box Fresh to run the premises as an organic greengrocer.	
<b>FUTURE EVENTS</b>	Stall in Priory School on 27 <sup>th</sup> March – Judy happy to set this up but will not stay all day. Stall in Square 7 <sup>th</sup> May – agreed that incinerator can be a focus for this as well as fundraising. Stall at the Green Fair at SWT on 9 <sup>th</sup> July. IG confirmed this Summer Celebrations Fun and fundraising. SWT suggested as a possible venue. Working Group to plan the event JR, JC & SF	<b>JC</b> <b>JR/</b> <b>JC/</b> <b>SF</b>
<b>Walks +Talks</b>	Cwm Harri Land Trust and achieving 67% recycling rate – possible future talk	
<b>Newsletter</b>	Next issue May and then late summer/ autumn edition.	
<b>Press &amp; Publicity</b>	Photoshoot 12 <sup>th</sup> March 11 am Plastics Talk laminated posters required for stall in market	<b>John</b>
<b>AOB</b>	MEA asked us to remove our stock from their store by end April. JC, IG and FO agreed to meet to look at what is essential to keep and what can be ditched. JC and FO may have some room to store the remainder. Dave met with HITA, TTS, SEA and Telford FoE to discuss liaison with the LEP and the Regional Growth Fund.	<b>JC/IG</b> <b>/FO</b>
<b>Future dates</b>	Next Business Meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> April 7:30 p.m. @ MEA	