

## Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

### Notes of Business Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at MEA

<b>Present</b>	J+J Rice; Dave Green; Jon Haycox; Sue Fisher; Phil Pool; Judy Coleridge; Frank Oldaker; Steve Boulding; Barbara Philips	
<b>Apologies</b>	Ian Gregson; Mo Gregson;	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
Treasurer's Rept	£174 raised on Saturday for general funds. Campaign leaflets and posters printing was £284. No Way money now divided providing £692 for Shrewsbury FoE plus some donations have come in for the Incinerator campaign but we need to raise at least £1,000 more.	
<b>Membership</b>	70 members on our records 50 paid their subs 20 still due to renew.	
<b>Co-ordinator</b>	Update sent out. Apologies to Steve as Judith forgot to include him. Birmingham FoE looking for volunteers to run lock-up at Larmer Tree Festival in Dorset in July. Oxfam invite us to a talk about their work on 7 <sup>th</sup> June in Shrewsbury Oxfam shop, at 6 30 p.m.	<b>JR</b>
<b>FEEDBACK</b>		
<b>Incinerator</b>	<p>Statement of Case submitted on time. Now 4 official objectors with Michael Ryan accepted citing health aspects. 126 signatures collected on Saturday. All info on website. Dave on Radio Shropshire and in the Star. There is a pre-enquiry meeting tomorrow to gauge how much time each speaker will require and Keith will attend with Dave. ShrewsFoE will ask for 1 day. Steve, Judy, Sue, Frank &amp; Barbara will doorstep Harlescott on a date to be arranged electronically by Judy.</p> <p>Veolia have now also submitted proposals for an in-vessel composting facility for up to 64,000 tonnes of mixed waste from Shropshire plus Telford &amp; Wrekin on a site next to the Granville Community Recycling Centre in Telford. The planning application is for eight tunnels of reinforced concrete able to compost green waste, kitchen waste and cardboard. Veolia suggests about 12,000 tonnes will come from T &amp; W with the remainder from kerbside collections from Shropshire. Telford FOE will probably oppose the application on the grounds that it would prejudice local pursuit of an Anaerobic Digester - as preferable for separately collected food waste, given that Telford Council were thinking of rolling out a trial food waste collection across the borough.</p>	<b>JC</b>  <b>TFoE</b>
<b>Transport</b>	<p>Phil will request a meeting with the engineer in charge of the Sustainable Transport Team. List of tenderers for the West Coast mainline have been published.</p> <p>Bus Users in Shropshire now formally constituted and engaging with SC. Peter Gilbert elected as chair and Paul Flynn as Vice Chair. Some proposed bus cuts have been modified.</p> <p>Les Lumsden will be signing copies of his book 'Slow Travel in the Marches' this Saturday at Pengwern Books in the Market Hall.</p> <p>South Chester Rail Users Association AGM at Gobowen Station 7 p.m. on 17<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>Phil will not now to respond to letter in the Chronicle criticising the Smithfield Road crossing.</p> <p><b>N.B. Shropshire Local Sustainable Transport Fund bid.</b></p> <p>A bid for £4.99M was sent to the Department for Transport on the 18<sup>th</sup> April and the result expected by the end of June 2011. The final bid is on the Shropshire council website at:  <a href="http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/traveltransport.nsf/open/87FA92B12AB8B93C80257871002D24DB">http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/traveltransport.nsf/open/87FA92B12AB8B93C80257871002D24DB</a></p> <p>Consultation on the Shropshire Local Transport Plan is currently ongoing and comments can be made on the Provisional LTP Strategy and LTP Implementation Plan until 29 July 2011. Documents are available at:  <a href="http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/traveltransport.nsf/open/2A79133CD32676E98025709E002EEF2B">http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/traveltransport.nsf/open/2A79133CD32676E98025709E002EEF2B</a></p>	<b>PP</b>          <b>ALL</b>
<b>Waste and recycling</b>	Katy Anderson can talk about Zero Waste Prestiegne at our AGM – date tbc at June meeting. James Thompson wrote an excellent piece on the Master Composters' website about our visit to Wood Lane recycling facility.	<b>JC</b>
<b>Climate Change &amp; Energy</b>	Discussed which activities we could achieve for the National FoE Big Energy Conversation. May be able to contribute something to Activity 2 from our interagency work with SEA. Steve reminded us of the National Climate Change report published today. Shropshire Council are investing £5.2m on PV panels and hydro energy from the weir.	
<b>Planning</b>	Phil to attend the Planning Liaison Meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> May Pengrove application has now been resubmitted plus an application for a house in the garden of Lucifelde House which requires the felling of the old copper beech tree. N.B. Shropshire Council is now only notifying immediate neighbours to planning applications. PP	<b>PP</b>  <b>PP</b>

	to raise at Planning meeting	
<b>Localism Bill</b>	Ian sent an update on the Localism Bill & has supported the Rights and Equalities amendment by emailing our MP; also supported email action of CPRE aiming to allow people to have more say in planning decisions and to have a right of appeal. Nationally, FOE have made a joint statement with Wildlife and Countryside Link to request that at all levels of the planning system the Localism Bill gives a legal definition of sustainable development.	
<b>Food</b>	TT Shrewsbury wrote to SC re: future of allotments. TTS meeting on 16 <sup>th</sup> May re: growing food locally at Shrewsbury Coffee House Judy to circulate link to Incredible Edible Todmorden food initiatives: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbLnWo-Lqnc&amp;feature=player_embedded">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbLnWo-Lqnc&amp;feature=player_embedded</a>  <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBiYGI801jU&amp;feature=related">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBiYGI801jU&amp;feature=related</a>	
<b>Walks +Talks</b>	Wood Lane recycling event interesting and well attended – demonstrated that sorting dry and wet waste by hand can still provide a profit. Cycle ride on 17 <sup>th</sup> April had good weather. Dave to send photo to Judith for review of year. Next W+T Sept. Include Incinerator in W+T for September event to encourage attendance. Jon suggested a Quiz. Jon could provide environmental questions & Dave has energy ones. Judith happy to supply some general knowledge questions to encourage other teams. Prince of Wales pub suggested as supportive last time. 7 <sup>th</sup> May ShrewsFoE in the Square: Thanks to everyone. We raised £174 & collected lots of signatures. Unfortunate that the weather was against us but the banners were excellent.	<b>DG</b> <b>JH/JR</b>
<b>FUTURE EVENTS</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> June SWT FoE Celebrations:</b> Invitations have gone out. Poets; drummers; belly dancers; human bingo; Incinerator info; FoE Timeline; FoE staff and membership stall and other stalls etc. Bring your own cutlery. Tasks allocated. Dave to check when we can get in. Signage. N.B. Invite R Warren. Welcome around 2:30. Tea and biscuits etc. BYO alcohol. ?glasses? Site visit 10 20 SWT 3/6 <b>DG, SF, JC, JR</b>  <b>9<sup>th</sup> July Green Fair</b> SWT Incinerator will be the main issue for this stall.	
<b>Newsletter</b>	Jon congratulated on another great issue	
<b>Press &amp; Publicity</b>		
<b>Matters arising from last meeting</b>		
<b>AOB</b>	SEA Judith attending a meeting this Thursday Motions for FoE conference. If you have any ideas, could you all please check out: <a href="http://www.foe.co.uk/events/conference/motions.html">http://www.foe.co.uk/events/conference/motions.html</a> Green Guide updates to Judy ASAP	<b>JR</b> <b>ALL</b> <b>ALL</b>
<b>Future dates</b>	Next Business Meeting 6 <sup>th</sup> June 7:30 p.m. @ MEA	