


Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth
Co-ordinator's Update
February 2011

Local	Details	Action/comments
Sainsbury's expansion	Shropshire Council Central Planning Committee meet on the 10th February at 3pm in the Shirehall where the planning permission for Sainsbury's expansion will be decided.	
Coppicing /conservation volunteering	An opportunity to assist Crabapple Community on Sat 12 February for a work day at Berrington Hall. Woodland management will be a key part of the day. Lunch and evening meal provided.	contact them directly via crabapplecom@hotmail.com or phone 01743 761418
Wild Thyme	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 welcome to come along.	Further details from judyc@thephone.coop or phone 01743 364157
Wrexham and Shropshire Railway	If you haven't signed this already : http://www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/wrexhamandshropshire	
Energy Early Day Motion	Ask your MP to sign EDM 644, Energy generation and saving. <i>Suggested wording:</i> "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. This EDM seeks to remedy this crucial deficiency; I trust that you will sign it."	
Growing together	Thursday 10th March Find out about community growing projects in the area with Simon Howard from the new Coton Hill Community Allotments and Community Orchard and Glenys Evans from Madeley Community Orchard http://www.madeleycommunityorchard.org.uk/ . 7.30pm, Hobbs Room, Shrewsbury Library, Castle Street	
Cold times	One in three people say they're too cold at home this winter FoE is lobbying the Government to stop landlords letting the coldest, health-hazard homes until they're improved. If you've ever rented a cold home - or know someone who has 	Please write or email your MP if you have info. please tell your MP today .
The Food Chain campaign	Last year our MOOvement forced the Government to admit they must tackle soy in animal feed and the havoc it wreaks. We need action. Please ask the UK's Euro MPs to support a new solution-packed report for rainforest-free food.	Euro MPs this time. We had little luck with our local MP
The Localism Bill	The Government's Decentralisation and Localism Bill is set to radically change the planning framework for local communities. There is a new campaign to tackle this	This would have helped us recently with two local issues. Read more about the bill.
Bean Pole Week	Bean Pole Week event at the Green Wood Centre, Ironbridge on Sunday 1 st May to promote the use of coppiced materials as a sustainable woodland management technique with stands from local gardening societies and coppice workers. .	Further details from Harriet Wood: 07837 529520

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Earth Hour	At 8.30pm on 26th March, the world will switch off its lights for one hour to show we care about Climate Change.	http://earthhour.wwf.org.uk/
World CO2 emissions fall	US Energy Information Administration shows how global CO2 emissions (which they total at 30,452 M tones or 30.4 Billion tones!) have fallen by 0.1% The US EIA site proves to be a mine of facts including par capita emissions for every nation. The UK per capita figure has fallen from 9.66 tonnes / per person in 2004 to 8.35 tonnes in 2009. www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/2011/jan/31/world-carbon-dioxide-emissions-country-data-co2	
Greener Together Climate Week 21-27 March	Greener Together are proudly supporting national Climate Week! All collective actions you host during the week will be registered with Climate Week. The Low Carbon Communities Network reports that there will be hundreds of events, including store front exhibitions in Tesco stores across the country which may get 'the message' out to a rather wider audience. Manchester United is also on board.	
Incineration	Veolia secures approval for modified Staffs EfW Revised proposals by Veolia to develop a large scale incinerator in Staffordshire to treat waste from across the Midlands have received planning permission.	
Recycling News	England tops 40% recycling rate for first time Quarterly figures reveal that England's annual household waste recycling rate was 40.1% to the end of June 2010 Defra downplays loss of two senior waste officials and insists that England's waste policy review will not be disrupted by their departure next month. Waste sector reacts to 'massive impact' of fuel cost rises Local authorities and waste management companies are reviewing their transport and haulage operations in a bid to soften the impact of rising fuel costs.	
LUDLOW GREEN FAIR	Castle Square, Ludlow on 28 th August 2011 info@greenfestival.co.uk OR greenfestival@ludlow21.org.uk	
George Monbiot	To hear George Monbiot, click: George Monbiot speaking at a lecture at CAT last week	
National FoE	Details	Action/comments
Change Your World	A bumper new issue of Change Your World with campaign plans for 2011 grassroots news and the local group news	Worth a read
Campaign updates	Sign up to receive information and activism opportunities on all national campaigns in a new monthly newsletter.	jenny.thatcher@foe.co.uk to find out more.