

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting
Monday 6th Jan 2014 7.30pm Marches Energy Agency**

Notes

Present	Phil pool, Tony Green Judy Coleridge, Mike Richardson, , Frank Oldaker	
Apologies	Sue Fisher, Barbara Phillips	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of meeting on 2.12.13	No action yet taken with MEA re home insulation locally. Not sure of situation after Government changed the scheme. Mike will follow up. Duratrust Possible visit- Frank will follow up.	MR FO
Finance	£2,699.67p in bank. £145 grossed from autumn stall in Square.	
Local Campaigns/projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSX Frank Oldaker attending meeting 8.1.2014. Jenna Blair has resigned so replacement will have to be appointed. • Could we respond to latest 'threat' of NWWR and A5 into motorway by writing jokey letter to press, about what could be done with £250 million. Phil to draft <p>Renewable energy in Shropshire, Frank in touch with Chris Burn and will do a press release if Conover Solar Farm is granted planning permission on Thursday.</p>	FO PP FO SF
MembershipIs Helen Collins a new member?Tony wondered whether a social or two might increase membership.	
Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCRL – has Jenna left ? (JC has asked her, via email) • Mark Gethin's Lower House farm, visit booked April 6th 2014, Sunday, 2pmSend details to FO And MR, to give to SOGS by Weds 8th Jan. • No Cardboard Christmas in 2013, people too busy, and hoping Council will re-instate kerbside collections before end of 2014. <p>.....Recycling at Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cwm Harry and Folk festival organisers have met to discuss more recycling, we don't know outcome. • Flower Show has told FO they intend to do a bit more recycling, with named –item recycling this year..can we encourage anything more – like mentioning it on their website? • Shrewsbury Fields Forever have given FO more positive response to his letter, and happy to talk. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Guide • All email addresses identified, meeting on 14th Jan will finalise 	JC FO FO MR SF JC

<p>Planning</p>	<p>.....The site will need re-paying for in 2015, May/June/July time, with Web Orchard. Meeting 14th Jan, to finalise sending out emails to all contributors.</p> <p>- SAMDev – As the SAMDev process is not yet signed off by the Dept of Communities and Local Government and won't be until September or so it carries limited weight when planning applications are being considered. Further, Shropshire does not have 5 years of housing land identified which would allow the Council to greatly favour development on those identified sites only. This means that for 9 months or so developers will be able to submit planning applications for any site and expect them to be considered under the legislation carrying most weight which is the National Planning Policy Framework. This is biased towards granting permission unless there are serious reasons why not and Councils that refuse permission in those circumstances can expect to lose on appeal.</p> <p>- Pengrove, The Deveoper has appealed following The Councils refusal to grant planning permission for the two “eco” houses. We have until 17th Jan to make further representations to The Planning Inspectorate. Documents are on The Shropshire Council website under Planning. The Application ref no is 13/02527/ful</p> <p>The possible felling of large silver birch near St.George’s Church, Frankwell Phil looking into Mike recommends we look at the objections to the Condover Solar Farm, Condover solar field, because they are so ridiculous. It’s expected to go through at the meeting on 9th Jan.</p>	<p>??</p> <p>PP</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>PP</p>
<p>Communications issues</p>	<p>Barbara will respond to 20 is plenty from Miles Kenny if not already done. Barbara and Frank meeting for a review of issues and action to be taken.</p>	<p>BP BP FO</p>
<p>National Campaigns</p>	<p>Make It Better – MEPs voted to push for a stronger law than the European Commission is proposing. Next stage is 3 way meeting between MEPs, The Commission and Member States. UK wants to keep a weak law so campaign will continue. We are signed up as a Local Group for this campaign.</p> <p>Bees – Draft Pollinator Plan being drafted. Campaign to make this effective will continue.</p> <p>Sunny Schools – Campaign arrangements still to be decided.</p>	
<p>Diary</p>	<p>Think about a film for the autumn Talk in the autumn on Zero Carbon</p>	<p>FO TG</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>----</p>	
<p>Future dates of business meetings</p>	<p>Next business meeting: Feb 3rd.7.30pm: Marches Energy Agency</p>	