

# Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting**  
**Monday 12 May 2014 7.30pm Marches Energy Agency**

## Notes

Present	Judy Coleridge, Frank Oldaker, Tony Green, Barbara Phillips, Sue Fisher, Philip Pool	
Apologies	Denise Thompson, Mike Richardson	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of 7.4.14	Agreed	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frank will be attending the next meeting in June between GSX reps and Clive Wright, CEO of Shropshire Council</li> <li>• GSX has not received any funding yet to support their work from July 2014</li> <li>• Coalbed methane: we will ask GSX to issue a press release about CBM. Tony will write a draft and circulate it for comments</li> <li>• FoE Bees Campaign: Frank approached B&amp;Q to ask whether we could ask people in the store to sign a petition. This would have to be approved and organised by their head office, and there wasn't time to do this before the deadline date.</li> <li>• Go Solar Campaign: Sue sent the link to members to encourage them to sign the petition asking Michael Gove to make it easier for schools to install solar panels. Current Government rules stop schools accessing some of the best solar schemes.</li> <li>• FoE Flooding Campaign: Barbara contacted Ted Burke &amp; Guy Shrubsole from FoE to explain that the issue is not currently a priority for Shrewsbury</li> </ul>	FO TG
Finance	No further report	
Membership	No further report	
Local Campaigns/ projects	<p><b>Planning.</b>  Tony agreed to keep an eye on Shropshire Council's Planning page on the website. They keep an updated list of all planning applications there. He will check for any applications of particular concern.</p> <p><b>Recycling</b>  Shrewsbury Fields Forever has not responded to our emails yet. Decided to leave things until after the event and then approach them again.</p> <p><b>GG.</b>  Adjustments have been made to the site following emails from businesses. Judy, Sue and Mike are still considering what to do about new flyers.</p> <p><b>Town Centre Traffic</b>  Frank &amp; Barbara have met with Andrew Bannerman, Councillor for Town Centre, and have a meeting lined up with Alan Mosley, Leader of Shrewsbury Town Council.</p> <p><b>Coalbed Methane drill site at Dudlestone</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dart is going to submit a planning application to drill an exploratory well at Dudlestone Heath. The application is expected in late May/early June. Shropshire Council gave permission to an application in 2010, so are likely to give it again this time.</li> <li>• The Environment Agency considers a single drill site to be of minimal risk, so the application doesn't require an environmental impact assessment.</li> <li>• Dudlestone wish to be the leaders/co-ordinators of any objections, so we are supporting them. They have a very good website:  <a href="http://frackfreedudlestone.org.uk">http://frackfreedudlestone.org.uk</a></li> <li>• Dart is just merging with iGas, which is the biggest company dealing in extreme energy (ie. CBM, shale gas &amp; oil) in the UK. Dart is facing a legal battle in Scotland for dumping contaminated water into the Forth River.</li> <li>• Agreed that Tony would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ obtain "fracking" cards from FoE;</li> <li>○ link with other Shropshire organisations who are already campaigning;</li> <li>○ set up a stall in the Market Square as part of SFoE's stall on 31 May;</li> <li>○ organise a public meeting/debate to explain about coalbed methane &amp;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	TG  JC,MR.SF  FO,BP  TG

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fracking on 3 June.</li> <li>○ Decide what publicity/organisation is needed and share out the tasks.</li> </ul> <p><b>Shropshire Wildlife Trust Wildfest 12 July</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They want to advertise their garden and how people can make their gardens wildlife friendly – and link this with climate change.</li> <li>• Tony will explore whether he could do a talk on the effect of wildlife on climate change.</li> </ul> <p><b>Shrewsbury Flower Show – Stall in the “Our Future” Marquee</b></p> <p>Frank and Judy attended a meeting with the organisers and have been asked to take a stall in the “Our Future” marquee – free of charge. It was felt that we couldn’t refuse since we had been promoting this approach! The stall could focus on the new stage of the Bee Campaign “B&amp;Bs for bees”. The show is on 8/9 August.</p>	TG
<b>Communications issues</b>	<p><b>GSX</b></p> <p>Barbara is going to follow up on the issue of the website and how SFoE contributes to it.</p> <p><b>Communication with national FoE</b></p> <p>Barbara joined in a teleconference organised by FoE for local co-ordinators. It wasn't particularly well attended. One problem which was voiced strongly by the co-ordinators was the apparent randomness of FoE's campaign issues. Co-ordinators said they were not previously aware of FoE's approach to campaigning as explained by senior officers during the teleconference, which consists of “long term, medium term and short term campaigning” – in which short term campaign issues are fairly randomly selected with a view to raising the public's awareness about the long term aims. Members expressed concern that this was not obvious to campaigners, was not made clear on the website or in campaign literature. Officers promised to rectify this.</p> <p><b>Newsletter</b></p> <p>Barbara has ideas for articles. All ideas welcome – and she will ask people to write articles.</p> <p><b>Facebook</b></p> <p>Mike has set up a Facebook page</p>	BP
<b>National Campaigns</b>	<p><b>Bees</b></p> <p>Our stalls at the SWLT and Shrewsbury Flower Show will focus on this. (see above also)</p> <p><b>Go Solar</b></p> <p>Only one secondary school (The Priory) has not got panels – so we won't be participating in this campaign.</p>	BP
<b>Walks and Talks</b>	<p><b>Duratrust</b> (the company which is in the running to provide black-bag waste disposal for Norfolk)</p> <p>No further news from Duratrust on their pilot project in Norfolk, so we have not organised a visit to their Chester site. The Norfolk incinerator has been refused development permission – Norwich Council has to find £30.26m compensation. This potentially makes Duratrust a good alternative.</p> <p><b>AGM</b></p> <p>Andy Atkins, CEO of FoE to speak? No decision taken.</p>	
<b>Diary</b>	<p><b>CBM public meeting 3 June</b></p> <p>Tony to organise if possible for 3 June</p> <p><b>Stall Sat 31 May.</b></p> <p>Rota of staff organised.</p> <p><b>SWLT Wild FEST Sat 12 July</b></p>	
<b>AOB</b>		
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Next business meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 7.30pm: Marches Energy Agency</b>	

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Notes from the “Planning for the future” meeting on 26 August 2014 at Mike’s house, in the *beautiful* new kitchen.

We listed the things we thought are currently working, and the things that aren’t so good.

Decisions taken:

1. **Frank** will email out SFoE members to ask whether one of them will volunteer to be Membership Secretary. **Sue** offered to chat to anyone who is interested.
2. Our campaigning in future will consist of quick, short interventions – max effect for min effort. We’ll decide on a thing that we think can be improved and concentrate on speaking to those people who are in a position to change it, ie. we will focus on senior politicians, organisers of events, company directors etc.
3. We will not expect to run stalls, do leafleting etc – unless we feel we must as a result of the campaigning approach in 2.
4. **Frank and Barbara** (and anyone else who volunteers) will do the regular monthly email out to our long list of contacts (*or is it just to members?*).
5. Newsletters are good to reach members who aren’t on line, and councillors who tend to delete emails. Future newsletters will probably be 2 sides of A4.
6. We will not regularly update the website, but will use Facebook as our means of communication. The website gives SFoE gravitas, so **Tony and Mike** will make sure that it carries the basic info about SFoE and forwards people to Facebook and the GG. **Tony** will continue to update our Facebook page. **Mike** will put Google analytics on the website so we can see how many people are looking at it. We will **all** look at the website and Facebook page before the next meeting on Monday 1 Sept.
7. Our contacts database needs constant updating. **Mike** will co-ordinate this. **Tony, Frank and Barbara** will do the updating.
8. We will try a different meeting venue and format. **Judy** will ask the Coffee House whether we can meet there. Reports-back to meetings will be much shorter. There will be more time for socialising (or perhaps general chat about green issues?)

**We will review all the above in about 6 months – ie. in Feb or March 2015.**

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**Business Meeting**  
**Monday 1 Sept 2014 7.30pm Lion Hotel**

## Notes

Present	Judy Coleridge, Frank Oldaker, Tony Green, Barbara Phillips, Mike Richardson, Philip Pool	
Apologies	Denise Thompson, Sue Fisher	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of review meeting on 26.8.14	Approved	
Matters arising	The meeting only took place last week, so no action has been taken yet. Review the actions at the next meeting in October.	
Local Campaigns/ Projects – brief report back	<p><b>Fracking.</b>          Tony reported. Main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Cttee. No recommendations yet from Planning Officer.</li> <li>• The Environment Agency must respond by 16 Sept to Dart's application for a Waste Permit</li> <li>• GSX Steering Group will conclude discussion on fracking in Sept following meeting with Clive Wright, Shropshire Council CEO.</li> <li>• Whitchurch Blackberry Fair 4 Oct, want to do action on fracking</li> <li>• Dept of Energy &amp; Climate Change has offered new areas for fracking licences. These include mid Shropshire and most of south Shropshire. Proposed to GSX that they have a conference on it.</li> <li>• Shropshire Council 17 July debate considered report from Economy Officer. Possible debate to be arranged with Dart.</li> <li>• Protest camp set up in Dudleyton</li> <li>• Dates: 1 Sept I-Gas AGM in London. Lobby; 21 Sept Global Climate Action march; 23 Sept Planning Meeting Shropshire Council; 28 Sept Tory Conference Bham. Lobby; 11 Oct FoE Global Frack Day of Action.</li> </ul> <p>Tony will email this info to SFoE members and people who attended the fracking meeting.</p> <p><b>Recycling.</b>          Judy reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are now skips for carpets at all the large household recycling centres</li> <li>• Judy has been talking to other people about joining SFoE for short, sharp interventions. Several seem keen.</li> </ul>	TG
Communications issues	<p><b>Reporting to our business meetings</b>          It was agreed that we would report on campaigns etc to each other in advance of meetings, using Google documents – and will send a reminder to everyone's personal email address that we have done this.          This is to reduce the length of reports back and increase time for discussion.</p> <p><b>SFoE Facebook page</b>          Tony will email round the address</p>	All TG
Walks and Talks	<p><b>AGM</b>          Judy and Philip will approach Les Lumsden to speak on transport issues.</p>	JC,PP
Diary	Date to be confirmed: Oswestry Resource Day 4 Oct Blackberry Fair 4 Nov 7.30. World Development Movement speaker	
Next Meeting	<b>Next business meeting: 6 Oct 2014 7.30 Lion Hotel</b>	

## Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting**  
**Monday 6 October 2014 7.30pm Lion Hotel**

### **Notes of Meeting**

<b>Present</b>	Barbara Phillips, Judy Coleridge, Becky Crothall, Sue Fisher, Jan Weyer, Tony Green, Frank Oldaker  ( Each present introduced themselves and their role in SFoE – Philip and Mikes' roles covered too)	
<b>Apologies the speaker</b>	Denise Thompson, Philip Pool, Mike Richardson	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Notes of 1. 9 14</b>	Agreed	
<b>Matters arising</b>	<p>Matters arising were discussed from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Our review meeting on 26.8.14 at Mike's house:-</b></li> <li>• SFoE members had been emailed re need for Membership Secretary but no response. Agreed take up Jenny Thatcher's offer to put request out to national FoE members and also via "Charity Job" website. Sue explained the work that the membership secretary does.</li> <li>• The database updating hasn't been started. In Mike's absence agreed Barbara, Tony and Frank meet to begin this. Sue will assist as necessary. Frank to suggest dates.</li> <li>• No email update done. Barbara and Frank to do</li> <li>• Website/Facebook link not yet done. Analytics have been put on the website</li> <li>• <b>Last business meeting on 1.9.14 at the Lion Hotel</b></li> <li>• Matters arising all covered by following agenda items</li> </ul>	BP  BP AG FO  FO BP FO AG MR
<b>Walks and Talks</b>	<p><b>AGM</b> Barbara had circulated a draft poster/flyer design. Thoroughly discussed and Barbara will make changes and recirculate. Becky suggested adding a QR code linking to Facebook and the website. She will create and send to Barbara. 20 copies – A4 size agreed as sufficient and 100 copies – A5 for distribution as flyers (or use as small posters). Before copying agreement of the speaker, John Whitelegg, will be confirmed. Frank will circulate list of suggested locations for posters and flyers. Publicity by targeted emails is important and once database is updated we will do this. Philip may have a relevant contacts list from last year and we will use this also – Frank to talk to Philip.  We will ask Jenny Thatcher to include details of the AGM in her communication to national FoE members re need for Membership Secretary.</p> <p>We cannot provide refreshments at The Gateway. We will use our own projector etc. Frank will be chair for the evening.</p>	BP BC  BP FO FO  FO BP
<b>Local Campaigns/ projects</b>	<p><b>Updates and discussion</b> It had been agreed that to shorten meetings updates would be circulated beforehand. Next time we will!!!!</p> <p><b>Coal Bed Methane</b> Tony attended Blackberry Fair in Whitchurch with Frack Free Diddleston on 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. We also had a stall in The Square in Shrewsbury the previous Saturday as part of an event against government austerity and policy.  The planning application for the exploratory borehole at Diddleston may go to Planning Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> October but we won't be sure until the agenda is</p>	

	<p>published. Frack Free Duddleston want as many people as possible to attend but are not planning a demonstration. We will email members when the date is confirmed. A large part of the rest of Shropshire is included in the area now up for bidding for new licences so further exploratory borehole proposals are to be expected.</p> <p><b>Town Centre Traffic</b> Barbara has prepared a briefing paper following an initial one by David Smith who has experience in traffic issues and is working with the Group. Barbara and Frank also met Peter Gilbert and Keith Gallup from Bus Users Shropshire to discuss common ground. A group consisting of councillors, council officers and business representatives has been set up and Frank has asked Claire Wild, as portfolio holder, if SFoE can join. No reply has been received. Barbara to send copy of her paper to Becky and Sue.</p> <p><b>Other</b> It was reaffirmed that whilst we look to deal with issues in Shrewsbury we will work on important matters elsewhere in Shropshire. Members can suggest issues that they think the Group should be taking up.</p>	AG FO BP
National Campaigns	<p><b>Fracking</b> Our efforts on CBM , led by Tony, are part of the national campaign.</p> <p><b>Bee Cause</b> This campaign has finished. Our last act was a stall in the "Our Future" marquee at Shrewsbury Flower Show. (Frank is keeping in touch with The Flower Show as ideas for next year are developed and we can later decide if we wish to be involved.)</p>	
Communications issues	<p><b>Phone call with Jenny Thatcher</b>, Jenny is the person in National FoE allocated to support our group. She will help however she can and to start, as recorded above, will upon request:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertise more widely for Membership Secretary</li> <li>• Email national FoE members re AGM</li> </ul> <p><b>Basecamp</b> We have received a request asking if anyone is interested in joining a group to develop ideas for Basecamp 2015. - copy to be forwarded separately.</p> <p><b>Use of Googledrive</b> As we haven't managed to use this effectively since Mike set it up Tony suggested that Mike be asked to give us a refresher. This was agreed and when Mike returns we will arrange a convenient time and venue.</p>	FO BP FO MR
AOB	<p><b>Eco Religious Conference</b> We have had a request for leaflets etc to be available to attendees. They don't want us to be there.</p> <p><b>Paypal</b> A transaction Tony had initiated was notified by Paypal more widely than he expected causing a bit of worry. He apologised that this had happened but was reassured that it had just looked as though it might possibly be a dodgy outside action so reassurance was needed.</p>	JC
Next Meeting	3 November 2014 7.30 The Lion Hotel	

## Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting**  
**Monday 3rd November 2014 7.30pm Lion Hotel**

### Notes of Meeting

<b>Present</b>	Judy Coleridge, Becky Crothall, Sue Fisher, Frank Oldaker, Mike Richardson, Philip Pool	
<b>Apologies</b>	Denise Thompson, Tony Green, Barbara Phillips	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
<b>Notes of 6.10 14</b>	Agreed	
<b>Matters arising</b>	<p>Matters arising from meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October at The Lion Hotel and not covered by the agenda of this meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apart from one or two changes to the database/email lists no updating has been done. This to be actioned by Frank/Barbara with input from others.</li> <li>- It was reported that The Bee Cause campaign had finished but since then National FoE have decided it should continue.</li> </ul>	FO/BP
<b>Walks and Talks</b>	<p><b>AGM / John Whitelegg Talk</b></p> <p>Review of Publicity:- Posters and flyers have been distributed as on the list _ except Theatre Severn and Guildhall who won't take. In next few days need to check and replenish stocks of flyers at each location.</p> <p>If any other places known/identified that are suitable we just go ahead and place posters/flyers.</p> <p>Emails sent to Councillors on Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council as well as members .Also businesses dealing with visitors. Still to be sent to "Supporters" Philip to identify Council staff who are relevant and email them and also architect contacts.</p> <p>Judy will email flyer to all (except BP/FO)</p> <p>All to take every opportunity to publicise event</p> <p>Other Matters:- We need to meet and greet attendees – Becky will do</p> <p>We are providing projector etc. John Whitelegg will send his "visuals" by email for preloading on a laptop. Re recording the talk Mike and Frank will liaise and experiment with equipment available.</p> <p>We will put out display boards covering Fracking/CBM and The Green Guide</p> <p>Spare newsletters will be available also.</p> <p>An attendance sheet will be circulated.</p> <p>Becky has discussed taking over as Membership Secretary with Sue.</p> <p>FoE teeshirts to be available for us to wear- Frank will bring</p> <p><b>Christmas Drinks</b> 16<sup>th</sup> December at Three Fishes. Chris Creen invited and will come if possible. No other "guests" suggested and as space limited can't accommodate other than one or two anyway.</p>	FO/BP/JC  ALL  FO PP  JC ALL BC  MR FO  AG FO BP SF  FO
<b>Local Campaigns/ projects</b>	<p><b>Town Centre Traffic</b> Barbara, David Smith (Transport Consultant) and Peter Gilbert (Bus Users Shropshire) have prepared a draft paper on traffic reduction in Shrewsbury Town Centre. At a meeting last Saturday it was agreed that the proposal we put forward will be for a closure of High Street and Shoplatch between 10am and 3pm excepting buses and possibly a minimum of other users (disabled). The Town Council will probably be willing to hear a presentation from us but may just have to submit written paper to Shropshire Council. Further meeting to finalise arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> Nov at The Lion Hotel.</p>	BP/FO/BC/ PP/SF

	<p><b>Coal Bed Methane</b> Email has been sent updating members and interested supporters following the Planning Committee meeting. No further information. Awaiting announcement of date of next Planning Committee meeting</p> <p><b>Shrewsbury Flower Show</b> At a recent meeting to talk about the "Our Future" marquee in 2015 it was suggested by SHS and agreed that the theme for the outside gardens and the marquee be "Climate Change". This is a campaign opportunity for SFoE. It was agreed that we would have a stand but that it needed to be "different". ie more engaging/interactive than just a presentation of too much information. Sub group to be formed early in Jan or Feb to come up with ideas.</p> <p><b>SCRN</b> Judy and Sue attended meeting. Talk by Paul Beard-SC Waste Contract Manager. Felt he was keen to increase recycling and trials of cardboard and food waste collection have been taking place. Different arrangements tried in Hanwood from those in Meole Brace and Bayston Hill. Veolia changing ageing vehicles soon so SC requirements need to be defined to allow design. Even considering grey bin collections extending to every 4 weeks eventually. Also mentioned that extra bays proposed at Battlefield to allow recycling of items currently going into non recyclable bays. Eg mattresses. Commercial viability is a requirement for these initiatives however desirable.</p>	AG FO FO BP
<b>National Campaigns</b>	<p><b>Fracking</b> Our efforts on CBM , led by Tony, are part of the national campaign.</p> <p><b>Bee Cause</b> As noted above this is going to continue. No details yet so can't decide on our involvement or otherwise.</p>	
<b>Communications issues</b>	<p>Jenny Thatcher and Carla Doran are dealing with emailing national FoE members and advertising on our behalf. Already did so re Membership Secretary but not yet re John Whitelegg talk. Frank to follow up</p> <p><b>Use of Googledrive</b> Mike agreed that he would train us on the use and benefits for the Group. Short sessions will be more effective so agreed that for 20 mins before the next meeting he would hold the first one. Wi fi is available. To be put on agenda and other items kept to minimum</p>	FO MR ALL FO BP
<b>AOB</b>	<b>Eco Religious Conference</b> Could put flyers for talk. Barbara/ Frank to contact Howard	FO
<b>Next Meeting</b>	1st December 2014 7.30 The Lion Hotel	

## Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting**  
**Monday 1 December 2014 7.30pm MEA**

### Notes

<b>Present</b>	Philip Pool, Mike Richardson, Barbara Phillips, Sue Fisher, Judy Coleridge	
<b>Apologies</b>	Denise Thompson, Frank Oldaker, Tony Green, Becky Crothall, Jan Weyer	
	<b>Use of Googledrive</b> Training/refresh session led by Mike. Mike will invite Becky into Googledrive. Everyone else has access.	MR
<b>Notes of 3.11.14</b>	Correction/clarification. Mattresses are not certain to be recycled. This is being considered. Otherwise, agreed.	
<b>Matters arising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Database.</b> Still outstanding. Apart from one or two changes to the database/email lists no updating has been done. This to be actioned by Frank/Barbara with input from others.</li> <li>• Sue will ask Becky if she will take part.</li> <li>• <b>Shrewsbury Flower Show.</b> Still outstanding. At a recent meeting to talk about the "Our Future" marquee in 2015 it was suggested by SHS and agreed that the theme for the outside gardens and the marquee be "Climate Change". This is a campaign opportunity for SFoE. It was agreed that we would have a stand but that it needed to be "different". ie more engaging/interactive than just a presentation of too much information. Sub group to be formed early in Jan or Feb to come up with ideas.</li> <li>• <b>Eco Religious Conference</b> Barbara gave flyers to Howard Hutchings.</li> <li>• <b>John Whitelegg talk.</b> Chris Crean congratulated SFoE for organising the talk</li> </ul>	FO/BP  SF  FO/BP
<b>Local Campaigns/projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Town Centre Traffic.</b> John Whitelegg wants to be involved in pursuing a sustainable Shropshire transport plan with SFoE. Mike proposed that we link this in with the air quality issue. Philip wishes to rejoin the traffic group.</li> <li>• <b>Coalbed methane.</b> Still awaiting Planning Cttee decision</li> <li>• <b>GG.</b> Mike has contacted Jenny Thatcher in FoE re website support but had no reply. He also contacted Peter White in Web Orchard who says that website support will be £500 pa. He claimed to have looked through our website files to check/correct for viruses – but Mike does not believe he could have done so in the actual time. He had quoted SFoE £60 for the work, but when the invoice came it included VAT, so amounted to £72.</li> </ul>	
<b>Communications issues</b>	<b>National FoE BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal).</b> Mike and Sue made comment to Barbara on which of 3 draft goals they thought would be best and Barbara took part in a national FoE teleconference when the proposed goals were discussed. Other groups were highly critical of all the goals. FoE is going back to reassess.	
<b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Environmentalist 2014.</b> Philip proposed that we give Katie Anderson an award for her work – to be given at Xmas drinks. Philip to contact Katie.</li> <li>• <b>Veolia sculpture.</b> Philip has been asked by sculptor Lizzie whether she should accept a commission from Veolia for a sculpture outside the incinerator. Philip to put Lizzie and Judy into contact with each other to discuss.</li> <li>• <b>Wild flower meeting.</b> Because of Frank's absence, Judy will email Dan Wrench at SC to postpone the meeting, and copy Becky in.</li> <li>• <b>Government allocation of funding to roads/cycling.</b> Philip made the point that the recent funding amounts to £200 per head on roads and £1.50 per head on cycling.</li> </ul>	PP  PP/JC  JC
<b>Diary</b>	Christmas drinks. 16 Dec. at about 8.00pm. The Three Fishes Next meeting: 5 January 2015 at The Lion Hotel	

## Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting**  
**Monday 5 January 2015 7.30pm The Lion Hotel**

### Notes of the Meeting

Present	Barbara Phillips Judy Coleridge Tony Green Becky Crothall Mike Richardson Frank Oldaker	
Apologies	Denise Thompson, Philip Pool Sue Fisher	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of 1.12.14	Agreed	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Database.</b> Apart from one or two changes to the database/email lists no updating has been done. Frank to coordinate with Becky, Barbara and Tony.</li> <li>• <b>Shrewsbury Flower Show</b> At a recent meeting to talk about the "Our Future" marquee in 2015 it was suggested by SHS and agreed that the theme for the outside gardens and the marquee be "Climate Change". This is a campaign opportunity for SFoE. It was agreed that we would have a stand but that it needed to be "different". ie more engaging/interactive than just a presentation of too much information. Frank will coordinate with Becky and Tony.</li> <li>• <b>Environmentalist of 2014.</b> Katie and Alison were welcomed at Christmas Drinks and did appreciate our "formal" recognition of their work.</li> <li>• <b>Chris Crean</b> Chris came to The Three Fishes as well and is constantly supportive of The Group. Agreed Barbara email him to say a general "Thanks" .</li> <li>• <b>Veolia sculpture.</b> Philip has not put Judy into contact with Lizzie who has been asked to do a sculpture for the incinerator. Agreed our stance is neutral on whether Lizzie accepts the commission or not.</li> <li>• <b>Wild Flower meeting.</b> A little confusion arose over whether Frank could attend the meeting with Dan Wrench. It did take place and was more general than just about planting for pollinators. Contracts for Highway work and elsewhere for SC don't contain any requirement to plant for pollinators so over time this would need to change. Need to decide how we take this forward but good start made to build a working relationship with Dan Wrench and Johnathan Groom.</li> </ul>	FO  FO  BP  FO
Local Campaigns/projects	<p><b>Town Centre Traffic</b> Proposals drafted. Meeting arranged with Andrew Bannerman and TC Residents. Alan Mosley interested as Leader of the Town Council.. AQM is an issue and Matthew Clark has been helpful. Pollution levels exceed average limits not just peaks. Feel our proposals need to counter predictable objections and that a lot of work needs to be done to talk to traders and other key people. Ongoing work.</p> <p><b>Coalbed methane</b> Lots of reports on detrimental effects of fracking. Chief Scientific Officer has likened situation to thalidomide tragedy – ie there are unknown potentially serious risks. Frack Free Dudleyton continue to liaise with councillors while waiting to hear when application will be considered again by Planning Committee.</p> <p><b>SCRN</b> No meeting since our last one.</p> <p><b>GG.</b> Mike emailed Jenny Thatcher in FoE for advice re website support. National FoE not been able to suggest good deals so we will have to sort it ourselves. Next step is to confirm with Web Orchard full details of their charges for what services so it is clear.</p>	MR BP FO
National Campaigns	<p><b>Fracking</b> No more info re Climate Change Talks or Fracking</p> <p><b>Bee Cause</b> Not yet clear what is intended for this year</p>	MR
Walks and Talks	No plans yet. Review at next meeting.	

<b>Communications issues</b>	Barbara will email round re who to contact to get sent email version of "Change Your World"	<b>BP</b>
<b>AOB</b>	<p><b>Rea Brook</b> Judy horrified at amount of litter along the stretch behind Asda and Greenhous Garage. Has talked to Town Council Countryside Unit but not their responsibility and they haven't got resources to do extra. Feel that Asda and Greenhous should take an interest. Judy and Becky will do another inspection and decide how to proceed.</p> <p><b>Visit to Incinerator</b> Suggested we should ask for a visit. We chose to stay out of the liaison arrangements Veolia set up because there was nothing to gain. What would we get from a visit??</p> <p><b>General Election</b> Do we want to send a letter to the candidates. Certainly consider and Tony will research issues. Barbara will check Lobby Bill details.</p> <p><b>Condover Solar Farm</b> Is under construction by Zaragoza Grupo but feel any visit we ask for should be when finished and with the operating company.</p>	<b>JC BC</b>  <b>TG</b> <b>BP</b>
<b>Diary</b>	Next meeting: 2 February 2015. 7.30pm The Lion Hotel	

## Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 7.30pm Lion Hotel**

### Notes

Present	Frank Oldaker, Mike Richardson, Sue Fisher, Judy Coleridge, Tony Green, Philip Pool, Barbara Phillips	
Apologies	Denise Thompson, Becky Crothall	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
<b>Notes of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015</b>	Correction: An addition to the notes. We agreed that at the next meeting, we would review the decisions taken at our meeting at Mike's house 6 months ago. Otherwise agreed.	
<b>Matters arising</b>	<p><b>Review.</b> Today, we should be reviewing the decisions we took 6 months ago! Agreed we will do this at our next meeting.</p> <p><b>Database updating.</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Thank Chris Crean.</b> Done</p> <p><b>FoE's newsletter "Change Your World".</b> Send email address to business meeting so they can request it. Done</p> <p><b>General Election.</b> We decided not to email local candidates with questions as we felt it would be very hard to elicit clear and firm responses. FoE will be pursuing the issues nationally with all parties.</p>	FO
<b>Local Campaigns/ projects</b>	<p><b>Updates and discussion:</b></p> <p><b>Town Centre Traffic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barbara reported on GSX's meeting with Clive Wright. He reported that there is no LEP funding for Shrewsbury improvements. The Traffic Group has met with Town Centre Residents and signed a paper drafted by Andrew Bannerman, submitted to Claire Wild, giving principles to be adhered to in any town centre development, eg that pedestrians should have priority over traffic.</li> <li>Mike is in contact with Matthew Clark in SC re the air quality action plan. This is a live issue and a plan is expected soon.</li> <li>Mike reported on an on-line video showing a W.Mids MEP explaining that the EU is withholding LEP funding from England because of the undemocratic nature of the LEPs who should receive it.</li> <li>Phil got an excellent letter about cycling printed in the S Chronicle.</li> <li>The Traffic Group will meet to take issues forward.</li> </ul> <p><b>GSX meeting with Clive Wright</b> Barbara reported on the meeting. The draft notes have to be approved by Clive. Barbara will then circulate them.</p> <p><b>Shrewsbury Flower Show – Our Future Marquee 2015</b> Frank has been to one meeting and preliminary planning is happening. Our role is to set the scene re climate change. We will ask FoE if they have any interesting large displays/sets etc. Frank, Tony and Becky will meet to discuss.</p> <p><b>CBM borehole application at Dudlestone</b> Nationally there is uncertainty whether Labour's amendment to the Infrastructure Bill related to "unconventional oil and gas" or just to fracking. Dart has appealed to the govt inspector re Dudlestone and there is no timescale for it to be considered.</p> <p><b>SCRN</b> Nothing to report</p>	BP  FO,TG, BC

	<p><b>GG. Website maintenance</b> It was agreed that we would continue with Web Orchard and use their £80pa.package for 2 years, then review. Mike will arrange this.</p> <p><b>Rea Brook Litter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judy has been in touch with ShrewsburyTC and the probation service and Sarah from Asda. Asda will take on responsibility though Sarah is ill at present. Judy and Becky took "before" photos. Suggest do a press release once the cleaning has happened.</li> <li>Tony reported that Shropshire Wildlife Trust is setting up a Shrewsbury Wildlife Group. The whole of the Rea Brook is a problem. SWLT and Asda used to regularly clear it up.</li> </ul>	MR
<b>National Campaigns</b>	<p><b>National FoE Business Plan</b> This was circulated before the meeting and read. GG may need to be updated re FoE's address and aims. Judy, Sue and Mike will consider.</p> <p><b>Fracking</b> FoE putting efforts into supporting Lancashire</p> <p><b>Pollinators – Bee Cause.</b> Waiting to hear FoE's plans</p>	JC,SF, MR
<b>Walks and Talks</b>	Judy suggested we might do a bike ride around community gardens in the summer. Agreed is nice idea.	
<b>Communications issues</b>	<b>Thanks to Mike</b> for persisting for so long in getting us to use googledrive. It's an ongoing uphill battle! From now on he is to be known as Professor Mike.	
<b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good letter re incinerator in S Chronicle from Jilly Shipway. Email her to say we think this is a good campaign. Frank.</li> <li>Judy's been using the SFoE computer screen. Frank will take it back.</li> <li>Barbara has been given some old FoE jackets. She will bring them to the next meeting.</li> <li>Terramar website is interesting. Judy will forward address to anyone who wishes.</li> <li>W.Mids regional gathering 28 Feb. Tony will contact Chris</li> </ul>	FO  BP JC TG
• <b>Dates and Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FoE W.Mids regional gathering 28 Feb.</li> <li>Green Party ceilidh 21 March Radbrook Centre</li> <li>Stretton Climate Care. First week in March is Climate Week. Includes 4 March presentation on "Zero Carbon" by Alice Hooker-Stroud from CAT, at Methodist Church</li> </ul> <p><b>16 March SFoE next business meeting to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>review our decisions of 6 months ago</li> <li>review membership and funding.</li> </ul> <p>Judy will book MEA.</p> <p><b>NB No SFoE meeting 2 March. No SFoE meeting in April</b></p> <p><b>11 May. SFoE business meeting</b> Lion Hotel 7.30pm</p>	JC