

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting
Monday 3 June 2013 7.30pm Marches Energy Agency**

Notes

Present	Mike Richardson, Judy Coleridge, Sue Fisher, Barbara Phillips	
Apologies	Denise Thompson, Frank Oldaker, Philip Pool, Jenna Blair	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Finance		
Notes of meeting on 13.5.13	Accepted	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Letter to SOGS. The £300 donation from SOGS has arrived. Barbara will write to thank the chair Peter Anderson and the treasurer Eric Lunt. Barbara has suggested to John that it would be good to also write to the treasurer. 	BP JR
Local Campaigns/projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Guide. Congrats to everyone for a very successful launch in the Market Square on Saturday 1st June, and for all the hard work that's gone into the whole thing. Judy did a BBC Radio Shropshire interview and there were articles in the Sh Chronicle and Sh Star in advance. We distributed about 500 GG leaflets and 100 competition leaflets. People were generally very receptive. • On-going issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Competition. There was a fault with the email address for the competition and entries were sent back. This has now been sorted. It was agreed that Barbara would do a press release giving SFoE's apologies to anyone who tried to enter and suggesting that they enter again. Mike we will also put an apology on our SFoE website ○ Extending the competition. It was agreed that we'd send out the competition forms more widely to our email listings and other places and also set up a primary schools competition. ○ Search engine. There is a problem with the search facility on the website which isn't specific enough. It was agreed that Mike would telephone Peter asap to discuss this and ask: can Peter improve the search facility to do a data search rather than a browse-type search; if not, what can Peter suggest we should do. A last-resort answer might be to use Freefind but this would not be desirable as it's a google search tool which takes people outside the main website and then sends them back in ○ Google maps. This is now working on the site ○ Distribution of leaflets. Judy will circulate the distribution list that we've used before and people will volunteer to take leaflets to particular places. ○ Arrangements for 18 June. People available are: Sue, Judy, Frank and probably Mike. Agreed we will have table/tablecloth/2 chairs as a stall (and maybe Judy's sister's i-pad). Then also have the banner and distribute GG and competition leaflets. Barbara will cancel the arrangements for electricity. Probably start at about 10.00 but Judy will ask James what other people's plans are. • GSX. Denise has asked whether anyone else would like to be on the GSX Steering Group. It was felt that we first needed to be clearer about where the organisation shared our key aims. Barbara to follow up relevant emails 	<p>BP,MR</p> <p>SF,JC,MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC</p> <p>BP</p>

<p>National Campaigns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make It Better campaign. Samsung has admitted to using tin from the Bangka mines in Indonesia and has agreed to address the high mortality rates and environmental degradation. Very successful campaign. Apple is remaining silent so the campaign continues but it's unlikely that Apple will respond. Barbara has emailed the secondary schools that were invited to take part in the campaign to explain the outcome • New national FoE campaign. Barbara submitted 3 possible campaigns based on SFoE member feedback. The campaigns were: UK to aim at all clothing sales being Fairtrade; air quality; gather together green economists to propose a new green economic model to replace GDP. 	
<p>Diary</p>	<p>16 June- Visit to Lower Wallop Organic Farm (Joint visit with Shropshire Organic Gardeners) 18th June stall in Market Square 6th July Green Fair at Shropshire Wildlife Trust</p>	
<p>Future dates of business meetings</p>	<p>Next business meeting: Monday 1st July 2013 7.30pm: Marches Energy Agency</p>	