

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting

Monday 1st July 2019 7.30pm The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station)

Notes

Present	Tony Green, Judy Coleridge, Frank Oldaker, Beth Holgate, Pauline Wilson, Barbara Phillips, Paul Cawthorne, Michael Bowker, Colin Jefferson, Sheila Jones, John Morris, Dave Green.	
Apologies	Paola Alessandri-Gray, Sue Fisher, Mike Richardson, Alan Leaman, Alexandra Payne	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Matters Arising - meeting 6th June 2019	<p>Town Centre Litter Bins – No response from SC Portfolio holder so follow up and also involve BID.</p> <p>Tetra Pak – Doorstep collection in Oswestry – Ask Sara Mai re current situation</p> <p>Shrewsbury Test – Believed not rejected. The “Check List” for Shropshire developments to be forwarded to all and comments to Barbara. It is not mandatory for developers.</p> <p>The “speed reducing” platforms proposed within SITP were not BID requests. BID are detailing strategies including movement about the town centre.</p>	<p>FO</p> <p>FO</p> <p>BP All</p>
Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues	<p>To try and reduce the length of meetings the agenda has been divided into items that require attention and those that probably do not. We will trial the idea but no restriction on attendees raising items is intended.</p> <p>Membership As venue for meetings is ok but not ideal we need to be on the lookout for a better one. Suggested that UCS at the Guildhall may make a room available.</p> <p>We would like to have more sub groups working on particular issues if new active people are available so increasing membership is necessary for this to happen. Past experience has shown stalls are not effective.</p> <p>Alan is contacting the 6th Form College to see if someone would take on being our “Twitter Campaigner”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFOE/GSX Climate Action Group Tony proposed setting up a group which he is prepared to lead as “Climate Campaigner”. This idea was covered in detail at Groundswell in Birmingham and FoE are producing support materials. Plan is:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - form group and research what others are doing too. - Consider possible actions - Choose actions and carry out <p>Tony is aware of the activities of XR in Shrewsbury and Oswestry. It was agreed that a group be formed.</p> <p>Sam Kirby Grey of SC is preparing a corporate carbon strategy. SC have said they will set up a Climate Action Partnership and a new Sustainability Officer will be appointed plus a team.</p> <p>XR have set up a panel with STC to work on a plan for them. Dave is an advisor and Richard Davies is Energy Advisor.</p> <p>XR are doing an action at Barclays Bank and also creating a garden in The Quarry.</p> <p>Reports on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to MRF at Four Ashes: Agreed it was a very informative visit and helped us better understand what Veolia have to deal with. The level of contamination was a surprise but may well be worse from areas where 	<p>FO</p> <p>BP,FO AL</p> <p>AL</p> <p>AG</p>

	<p>recyclables are collected in wheelie bins rather than boxes. We can constantly stress to people that items are put in the correct box/bag and are clean. Veolia have set up arrangements with various companies so recycled materials are processed in the UK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love Your Magnificent Severn: The designated first day -11th June – was so rainy that SWLT decided to cancel the 3 day event. It was unsafe to go on the river so people from SWLT and ourselves just litter picked the banks through Shrewsbury as planned. It was pleasing to have done so because the rain resulted in a significant rise in river levels and the rubbish we collected would have been carried into the flooded river during the following few days. • Shrewsbury Environment Centre Sara Mai is on course to open as planned. Frank and Barbara will discuss with Sara level of support SFoE might be able to offer. • Rea Brook Cleanup Clothing bins still in place at Asda and serious fly tipping is occurring next to them. Sheila to chase Asda. (Since meeting the bins have been removed and rubbish has been cleared and the area is now tidy) • NWR. The planning meeting, called by Mike Streetly for the organisations involved in objecting to the road, took place on 18 June. It was agreed to form an alliance rather than each organisation working separately – The Shrewsbury Transport Alliance. (STA). Don't want a negative campaign as viable alternatives are available so title needs to reflect this. Tasks will be divided so SWLT will deal with wildlife, STS (Mike) and Emma will look at alternatives to the road, Dave will examine “carbon” implications. Planning application may come out this year. As still problems with Oxon Link Road they may be combined in one application. As Lib Dems now oppose the road XR are working to get Labour to change their stance and oppose it as well. It was agreed that £500 from SFoE funds be allocated for the work of STA with Dave Green responsible for admin. Paola is happy to deal with this as Treasurer. • Air Quality It was noted that Mike has done a massive amount of work on air quality and the campaign is ongoing. It was agreed that a sincere “Thanks” to Mike is due and everyone agreed. 	<p>BP FO</p> <p>SJ</p>
<p>National / Regional FoE</p>		
<p>Communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 points Members' email. Agreed enough to say so do one. 	<p>FO</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFoE AGM Suggested Dave could do a talk with possibly a second speaker too. • Chronicle Articles – Judy continuing to do ie manage – choose subjects – write a lot – submit. Thanks to Sheila and Frank for their contributions. May choose to cover a subject in several articles if appropriate. 	
<p>Events</p> <p>Next SFoE mtg</p>	<p>24th August 12-00 – 15-00 “Single use plastic free picnic” Rectory Field, Church Lane, Church Stretton (Org by Stretton Climate Care)</p> <p>5th August 2019 7.30 The <u>(corrected on 1st August – Issue1 said 6th)</u></p>	

