

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting

Monday 3rd June 2019 7.30pm The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station)

Notes

Present	Tony Green, Mike Richardson, Richard Driffill, Alan Leaman, Judy Coleridge, Frank Oldaker, Beth Holgate, Sue Fisher, Sara Mai, Pauline Wilson , Barbara Phillips, Philip Pool	
Apologies	Paola Alessandri-Gray, Sheila Jones, Dave Green, Clive Parsons	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Minutes of meeting 4 March '19	Agreed	
Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because there was no meeting in May, information was circulated on developments since 1st April relevant to some of the agenda items. • Presentation Richard Driffill on his idea for stimulating real progress on tackling climate change. He proposed 5 principles: money; individuals; everybody on the planet; fair contribution from everyone; transparency about the money being contributed. It was agreed that Barbara and Frank would circulate an email for everyone to make their comments and discuss the issue. • Rea Brook. The area is very tidy. Sheila comments that there are several individuals who help with litter. • SWLT “Love Your Magnificent Severn” event starting in Shrewsbury on 11th June. If anyone may be able to help, please contact Sheila, get her phone number and then ring on the day to see where everyone is. • Keep Britain Tidy Bin the Butt campaign. Sara reported on this project to collect butts every Monday at 6.00pm. Just turn up in the Market Square. • Website and Facebook. Mike has been in contact with Chris Crean. He considered Birmingham’s website which over a period has had 24,000 hits (to our 1600). Given the size of each population, this may be comparable. They pay £100p.a. for their domain name and £25 per month for hosting. Tony will look at our website, and also at Emma/Katy’s proposed page, and see what might be done. • Membership. Discussion about increasing membership. Comparison with XR’s approach. It was thought it might be useful to focus on the NWR campaign and bring people in around that, with a specific project in mind. Agreed that Alan, Barbara and Frank would meet to discuss this. • Recycling - update Town centre waste – No response from SC Visit to MRF at Four Ashes has been organised. Let Judy know if you want a question asked. Frank has been in discussions with Tetrapak. They won’t have containers on supermarket sites if their’s is the only one, as it leads to littering and contamination of their paks. Church Stretton are thinking about introducing a street by street collection. Sara will find out if there is a doorstep collection in Oswestry • Green Guide: Chronicle articles. Sheila is writing an article about 	<p style="text-align: center;">BP,FO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AL,BP,FO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SM</p>

	<p>gardening. The next one to be written is about re-use and recycling. If you want to contribute, send your comments to Judy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWR. The Lib Dems have now come out against it. There's a planning meeting for the organisations involved on 18 June. We will suggest a public presentation in the autumn, leading to a project involving people in the audience. It was felt that we need CPRE and the Civic Society on board. Dave will come next month with an update. • Air quality. The letter to councillors is ready to go. Mike has adapted a particle monitor. He will train Frank in the use of it and also buy some more for wider use. • SITP. Frank and Barbara are liaising with David Vasmer to discuss this with SC in June. • XR Meeting 20 June at the University Centre to look at all the different actions planned. Shrewsbury Town Council's climate action plan is available on line. There may also be an action during the carnival on 15 June • Planning and Development Issues. Greenfields have got a date for their judicial review in July. Ironbridge power station development is up for consultation. The Dana prison is up for sale. • Big Town Plan. BID has announced that it is going to begin planning "movement" in Shrewsbury. This will pick up one of the themes from the BTP and go into much more detail. They will use the same process as for the BTP – involving lots of groups and individuals. • Shrewsbury Growing Forward. Barbara ask Ian Kilby about the Shrewsbury Test. Tony reported that he understands it has been replaced with a quality mark. • GSX. AGM for organisations on 20 July. Places will be limited and it won't be open to the public. 	<p>JC, ALL</p> <p>DG</p> <p>MR,FO</p> <p>BP,FO</p> <p>BP</p>
<p>National / Regional FoE</p>	<p>FoE Website. Mike has updated the entry for Shrewsbury's website page.</p>	
<p>Communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 points Members' email. Send out to members the air quality letter that has gone to councillors 	<p>BP</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shropshire Against Plastics. County-wide campaign in July. (July is an international plastic-free month). No agreed action yet. GSX is going to do a press release about Shropshire & Telford's actions. • Shropshire Environment Centre. Sara is establishing this centre with a view to it being the destination location for all things environmental in Shropshire. It's based in Riverside. She is looking for permanent installations/displays. The primary focus is on waste. The Repair Café will be based there, and 5 artists in residence. Also bike repair. A funding contribution from SFoE would be helpful. Sara will send the business plan to Frank or Barbara. It was agreed that SFoE would give our spare laptop so that people can access the GG from the Centre. • Refill campaign. Barbara had an email about this campaign based in 	<p>SM, FO,MR</p>

	<p>Bristol. She will forward it to Sara.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance. Report from Paola. We have a balance of £3,407.68p. She believes that all the membership subscriptions are now likely to be in. She has not yet switched banks because it is proving complex and she is not sure that it is worth the time. • 26 June. National protest in London about climate change and biodiversity. Everyone is encouraged to go and to ask to see their MP in Westminster. Barbara and Frank to write to Daniel Kawczynski asking him to be there at that time. 	<p>BP</p> <p>BP,FO</p>
Events	<p>20 June XR meeting. University Centre. Time? 26 June. National protest London Every Monday – butt pick in Market Square at 6pm</p>	
Next SFoE mtg	<p>1st July 2019 7.30 The Alb</p>	