

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting

Monday 5th August 2019 7.30pm The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station)

Notes

Present	Alan Leaman Tony Green, Sheila Jones, Frank Oldaker, Colin Jefferson, Philip Pool, Barbara Phillips	
Apologies	Judy Coleridge, Mike Richardson, Dave Green, Su Fisher	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Matters arising from 1 July 2019	<p>Items not dealt with under the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town centre litterbins. Lesley Picton, portfolio holder for waste, replied to say that she'll get back to Frank in September. • Tetrapak doorstep collection in Oswestry. There is no doorstep collection in Oswestry. Stretton Climate Care in Church Stretton have set up a rota to take householders' paks to Bishop's Castle. The paks go to Halifax for processing. Beth will ask whether the United Reform Church could set up a collection point. Beth will report next week and then this issue will close. • Contact with Ian Kilby re Shrewsbury test. Ian replied with a copy of the accreditation check list which he has drawn up in partnership with the Civic Soc and planning agents. Its purpose is to highlight to developers through the pre-application process the qualities that SC is looking for in design. Schemes that go through the process will be considered for the Council's annual design and conservation awards. SC is also working at regional level with the W Mids Combined Authority to raise the profile and quality of housing design. He says that planning policy can also provide a stick to drive best practice and this is something that SC can pick up through the local plan review process. Tony circulated a S Star cutting which shows a design for older people's housing which was commissioned by SC and has won an award. • Contact with Matt Johnson re SITP. Matt replied to say that SC can't delay the SITP plans as they're externally funded (LEP). But that "it is a relief that the ambitions of the BTP movement strategy and the SITP are well aligned already (??!!). Wherever possible, the remaining elements of the SITP will be assessed to support the SITP". SFoE comment: it is very unclear what's going on as, to date, BID knew nothing about the SITP proposals for traffic humps etc. MJ's email is dispiriting as it brushes aside the important differences between the BTP and SITP. • Shrewsbury Environment Centre – Proposed support. Still to be discussed with Sara Mai 	<p style="text-align: center;">BH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FO,BP</p>
Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWR Frank reported on the group's meeting in July. The group is now called BEST (Better Shrewsbury Transport group). They are planning a campaign to include a walk along the route and a public meeting on Oct 17th at University Centre. The crunch time will be the when the planning application goes in, when we have to immediately ask for a public inquiry. The group is currently considering alternative transport options which could be developed with the funding available. The Oxon link road is being reviewed and SC is considering putting in a new planning application at the same time as the NWR. Highways England asked a year ago for changes to the Oxon link road. Daniel K recently sent a letter to the S Star saying that everyone wants the Oxon link road (there were 450+ objections and 1 approval). Frank and 	

	<p>Dave will reply to that. The campaign has received £900 from Transition Town Shrewsbury. This includes £600+ which SFoE gave to TTS to get them established and a donation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Quality Letter gone to Rachel Robinson who is Director of Public Health. She sent us a letter in which she largely reiterated the comments we'd made in our letter to all councillors, underlined the legal situation and said that everything was under control. Our letter addressed the severe public health hasards and reminded her that SC itself recognises the seriousness of the situation. Mike has been working with the Chair of the Conservative Party, Dan Morris – who is setting up a meeting between Dean Carroll, portfolio holder for climate change, himself and Mike. Re XR work – Richard Davies is working as an adviser to STC on climate change and is working out the carbon footprint of both councils. General transport is not STC's specific responsibility. Tony is on the XR transport group. Membership. Re SFoE meetings. Alan contacted the Shrewsbury Coffee House and the Whiteman, without success. Frank spoke to the university which seems the best option - £10 a night (2 hours) Re increasing membership. Tony has updated the website to make it more user friendly. SFoE/GSX Climate Action Group Tony suggests 2 separate groups. The GSX group would assess what SC are doing. The SFoE group would look at the FoE website and consider whether we should be picking up on their proposals. Tony will organise some meeting dates. Plastic Problem Congratulations to Frank on his recent S Chronicle article. Tony will email Judy about working with Sara Mai on the next article about hard-to-recycle plastic. Shrewsbury expect all veg in the weigh-it-yourself service, to be bagged in plastic bags. Frank write to head office. Big Town Plan S Star article of 27 July suggests that businesses are going to draw up plans for future development. BTP website says that the new director will work with the appointed consultants and with community groups. Barbara speak to Seb. Frank speak to Alan Mosley. Planning applications Red Barn Lane application for 5 houses. Lots of objections in already and now out-of-time. Frank to submit an objections asap. GSX AGM successful Food Hub Meal successful 	<p>DG,FO</p> <p>TG</p> <p>TG</p> <p>FO</p> <p>BP,FO</p>
<p>National / Regional FoE</p>		

Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 points Members' email Not this month 	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storage of SFoE equipment and "Stuff" Barbara to look at storage space. Consider whether Sara Mai might be able to borrow to use. 	FO, BP
Events Next SFoE mtg	Bin the Butt campaign. Every Monday at 6.00pm. Just turn up in the Market Square. Monday 2 nd September – The Alb.	