

## Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 7.30pm Lion Hotel**

### NOTES

<b>Present</b>	Tony Green, Mike Richardson, Philip Pool, Frank Oldaker, Sue Fisher, Sue Couling, Judy Coleridge, Sheila Jones, Barbara Phillips	
<b>Apologies</b>		
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<b>Notes of business meeting 3.4.17- Agreed</b>	
<b>Matters arising</b>	Outstanding from last meeting: The SC Social Value Charter is on the Council website. SFoE can sign up if they wish. Frank and Barbara to look at it and decide if we sign.	BP, FO
<b>Local Campaigns/ Projects/Issues</b>	<p><b>GSX</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will be a proper consultation in 2018 on whether people should be elected onto the Voluntary Community Sector Assembly or whether representatives should continue to be chosen by each group.</li> <li>Tony met Chris Edwards and Gemma Davies to discuss SC economic strategy.</li> <li>SC's new energy tariff with SSE has just been launched. Any organisation or individual in Shropshire can sign up. Prices are likely to be high-ish as SSE is generally an expensive provider.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sustainable Transport Shropshire</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michael Willmott is leading on the campaign to get SC to submit a proposal to the Welsh Assembly re re-opening the Abbey Foregate station entrance. The deadline for submissions is 22 May. SFoE feels the best approach is to talk directly to Clive Wright. Barbara email Michael.</li> <li>Barbara and John Shaddock met to discuss how best to draw up a Shropshire Sustainable Transport Plan, combining plans from Shrewsbury, Church Stretton, Bridgnorth, Ludlow, and any other towns. John agreed to do first draft.</li> <li>Peter Gilbert and Barbara met with Karen Calder, Cabinet member for Health and Wellbeing and Chair of the H&amp;W Board. P and B proposed that SC submit a business plan to the LEP for a programme of building safe routes to schools/colleges and making all residential areas 20mph. This would hugely increase active travel and have a big effect on early age obesity. She seemed interested. Peter and Barbara are going to meet Penny Bason, Co-ordinator of the H&amp;W Board on 11 May with the same message</li> </ul> <p><b>North West Relief Road and Oxon Link Road</b> No change</p> <p><b>Rea Brook clean-up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asda's quarterly clean-up is overdue. They have said they'll clean up when the manager is back from holiday. The brook was completely blocked for 4 weeks. The Environment Agency cleaned it up.</li> <li>BP Garage – money is due to be signed off for a litter pick and the fence. Homebargains – OK. Cineworld – have promised they'll clean up. Sheila is trying to get them to sort out a management policy on regular cleaning.</li> <li>June 17<sup>th</sup> – a walk has been organised with Sheila and Robin Mager for the Civic Society and SWLT. It was suggested that Asda might put a poster up in their store advertising this.</li> </ul> <p><b>Flower Show Waste and Litter</b> No update</p> <p><b>Green Guide</b> Sub group meeting regularly.</p> <p><b>Planning Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weir Hill development is 600 houses. Philip is about to present a comment on behalf of STS. There was a discussion about whether this should be done as a</li> </ul>	BP

	<p>joint submission with SFoE. Agreed that Frank would speak to Robin Mager and consider submitting a separate comment on environmental issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dana Path. Permission granted to Shrewsbury TC proposal</li> </ul> <p><b>Membership.</b> Need to update members &amp; supporters list. Frank and Mike meet to discuss.</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banking arrangements. The Co-op local branch is closing on 26 June. The Co-op is still in conversation with the Post Office about the possibility of paying in cheques there. They asked Tony to ring them at the end of May to learn of progress.</li> <li>Recruiting to take over from Tony in November. The first step should be to email members.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bishops Castle Michaelmas Fair</b> Frank will ask whether there's anything specific they want us to do. They seem very well organised.</p>	<p>FO</p> <p>FO,MR</p> <p>TG</p> <p>FO</p>
<b>National FoE</b>	<p>There is a proposal currently on Dialogue Forum proposing that FoE concentrate on 25 large companies to campaign for them to reduce their carbon footprint. Frank agreed with this on SFoE's behalf. The proposal will be put to Basecamp.</p>	
<b>Communication</b>	<p><b>4 points Members' email</b> One has just gone out. Leave until next month.</p> <p><b>Printed newsletters.</b> It was agreed that in principle we should continue to produce a regular newsletter. Discuss further at next meeting</p>	
<b>AOB</b>	<p><b>22 July "Save money, save waste" event at Hermitage Centre.</b> Martin Beardwell has not yet contacted us. Is the event going to happen? Do they want is to do a stall?</p>	
<b>Dates</b>	<p><b>5<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> May - Shropshire Power Shift and Global Divestment Week</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> May – GSX AGM</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 – Talk by James Thornton – CEO of Client Earth at Silvester Institute in Church Stretton.</b> Tickets £6 from Burway Books in Church Stretton.</p>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>Monday 5 June 2017- 7.30pm The Lion Hotel</b></p>	