

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth
Notes of Business Meeting
2 April 2012 7.30
Marches Energy Agency

Present	Sue Fisher, Judy Coleridge; Barbara Phillips; Dave Green; Mike Richardson, Frank Oldaker	
Apologies	Denise Thompson, Ian Gregson, Judith Rice; John Rice, Jon Haycox; Philip Pool	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of meeting 5.3.12	Correction: Denise attended GSX conference as a representative of SFoE aswell.	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FoE Market Square stall will be on 8 Oct 2012. 6 people have volunteered • Town centre traffic. Ian, Philip, Barbara and Frank are going to meet with Doug Allen from S Town Centre Residents Assoc. on Wednesday. . • Walks and talks. Judy has approached Denso and, while they are interested, the Environmental Sustainability Officer only wants to show their eco-garden to about 10 people. The Training Officer sees the potential, but overall, it doesn't look promising as a visit. Frank and Judy to discuss. • Green Doors event. Went reasonably well. Some problems. Map of the properties open to the public was not widely available although 2,000 were handed out. 	JC, FO
Incinerator	<p>Report from Dave:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of local media coverage. General acceptance that something is wrong. • No response to joint letter to George Osborne. Reply due in next 10 days. A letter has been sent to other constituencies asking them to raise the issue with their MPs. Owen Pattison in N Shrop and Philip Dunn in S Shrop have said that they will raise the issue with G Osborne. <p>Frank has drafted a letter to go to S Council prior to going to the ombudsman to attempt to show maladministration. The ombudsman has all the powers of the High Court to investigate, although he cannot instruct a LA to take action – he can only advise. The meeting agreed in principle to pursue this approach..</p>	FO
Communications	<p>Green Guide. Discussion about the GG because of a sense of it being an uphill struggle at present. Agreed that the lottery application should be submitted and then take it from there. If a grant is refused, we can reconsider the situation.</p> <p>Facebook. No report as Jon not available. Dave has received 2 emails from the Facebook page which he will forward to Jon. Jon must have put the SFoE newsletter onto Facebook because Barbara and Frank have received emails to their home addresses. Jon to circulate info re personal privacy and Facebook</p> <p>Communicating with members and supporters. Mike and Sue have done some training about Google/GMail and more is planned. Mike will try and fix dates with Judith and Jon. Mike will look into setting up sending to a “general” address coordinator@ etc etc</p> <p>FoE's new image FoE nationally is adopting a new image – “See things differently” There is a video available on the website.</p> <p>Communicating with other groups – GSX Judith submitted a report: ““The steering group has met and brought together the outputs from the conference and these have been circulated to participants and placed on the website although I have had trouble accessing the website but I'm sure Paul will be able to solve this soon. We are organising a day's workshop with a facilitator</p>	<p>JC, SF,MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>

	towards the end of April (date not fixed yet) for the steering group to decide how best GSX can help to bring about some (and eventually most of) the things that participants identified. Obviously this will require more involvement from the Shropshire community of the environment but I hope to be able to send you a brief report for the SFoE 30th April meeting even though I cannot come along on the night.”	
National campaigns	We have agreed to support the Green Products campaign. The aim of this campaign is not yet agreed. Nat FoE asks whether we have come across any particularly bad examples on non-green products. They might decide to target them during the campaign. If so, please let Jon know.	
E.On and Ironbridge Power Station	There has been good coverage in the press about E.On’s plan to burn biomass and the fact that this is not sustainable. A demo is planned for 9.00am on Thursday 5 April at Shirehall. There will be people from Biofuelwatch, Telford FoE, regional FoE, possibly national FoE. Please go if possible. Frank is co-ordinating.	
Planning	<p>SAMDev. Consultations about the SAMDev developments are taking place on 4 April at Shirehall. Sue attend 12 April 7-9 Guildhall. Dave and Frank attend. Consultation period ends 8 June. Frank will organise a meeting afterwards of those interested to draft a SFoE submission.</p> <p>Gyratory. Frank and Dave attended the presentation about the proposals. Frank thought the provision for cyclists was poor. Some people also expressed disappointment with the provision for cyclists along Smithfield Rd under Connect 2. Frank will submit a comment from SFoE proposing that a pedestrian/cyclist crossing be placed where Chester St meets Smithfield Road, so that cyclists and walkers can continue straight on from Smithfield Rd to the station.</p> <p>Planning remit. Philip has done a draft remit relating to planning applications such as windfarms, Shrewsbury’s Sustainable Urban Extension etc. Barbara has added to it. For discussion at a later meeting.</p>	<p>SF DG, FO</p> <p>FO</p> <p>FO</p>
Diary	<p>Dates to note Hydro exhibition. Claremont St Baptist Church, April 5th and 6th 10 till 5; Castlefields Comm Centre April 7th 6 till 9, April 8th 10 till 5; St Peter’s Monkmoor Rd, April 9th 6 till 9, April 10th 10 till 5. No volunteers to help staff the exhibition FoE Spring Regional Gathering. The West Midlands event. 11am on 26 May. Birmingham Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham, B3 3BS. People to consider whether they want to go. SFoE stall Shrewsbury Green Fair, Shropshire Wildlife Trust 7 July Ludlow Green Fair, Sunday 26th August 2012. We prefer not to have a stall. Judy to contact Denise to ask if she has a particular issue that she would like to highlight on a stall. If not, we will not do it this year. SFoE stall Shrewsbury Green Fair, Shropshire Wildlife Trust 7 July SFoE stall in Square 6 Oct.</p>	JC
Any other business	<p>Peace News has sent us info about their summer camp. Agreed this can be circulated to members SCRL meeting on 18 April. Judy to ask Denise if she can attend</p>	<p>BP, SF</p> <p>JC</p>
Future dates of business meetings	<p>Monday 30 April 7.30 MEA Monday 11 June ditto</p>	