

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting
Monday 4 March 2013 7.30pm Marches Energy Agency

Agenda

Present	Judy Coleridge, Mike Richardson, Frank Oldaker, Philip Pool, Barbara Phillips	
Apologies	Sue Fisher, Denise Thompson	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of meeting on 4.2.13	Accepted	
Matters arising	Further change needed to The Constitution. Currently we can only campaign on issues relating to "Shrewsbury parliamentary constituency", but we do get drawn into issues relating to a wider geographical area. Agreed we will put forward an amendment at the next AGM	FO/BP
Local Campaigns/projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Guide: Philip, Frank and Judy still to update their sections. Everyone is still to complete a list of emails for each section. Web Orchard is about 1 month behind schedule and a training date has not yet been fixed. Special meeting to be held about the GG on 11th March at Judy's house 7.30. • Cardboard collection. Katie Anderson very happy with the Xmas cardboard collection. But Pink Skips gone bust so the money raised may have been lost. • SCRL. The last SCRL meeting announced that SC is planning to replace all recycling vehicles in 2015 and planning is now taking place. Agreed that FoE would propose to SCRL members that we ask for 2 reps to be placed on the SC planning cttee (possibly Cypost and Cum Harry). Barbara draft letter and Judy email to all SCRL members • Walks and Talks. Still no date from Organic Gardeners re visit to Lower Wallop. Philip suggested that we could visit the 10 ecohouses in Falstaff Street which must have planning permission by now. They will be demonstration homes as all homes built from 2016 onwards must be zero-carbon. Philip will look into this further. Duratrust still a possibility, but they are still negotiating with King's Lynn so it is too early to approach them. • Planning: planning process including consultation. We are still chasing the possibility of having all planning applications printed in the local press. (Is there an interested parties email list?) Philip will email Tim Barker, Chair of the Planning Liaison Group. • Town centre traffic/air quality. Meeting 8 March at Barbara's to discuss further. SFoE have (probably) been given a place on the Town Centre Cttee which is discussing traffic amongst other issues. • GSX. Frank email members of Steering Group to ask what action they are taking over EDF. Barbara to complete case sheet re Green Guide Frank raise issue of GSX as representing green orgs in Shropshire 	<p>All</p> <p>BP,JC</p> <p>PP</p> <p>PP</p> <p>FO, BP</p>
Communications issues	<p>Website. Barbara send docs to Mike for inclusion on website</p> <p>Facebook. Mike has not received the log-in from Jon. Agreed we would discontinue Facebook, but build our email list instead.</p>	BP

	If we send regular emails with news, then our newsletter can become more of an opinion sheet if we wish.	
National Campaigns	<p>Make It Better campaign. Huw Peach from Shrewsbury School is keen. Frank and Barbara are drafting an information/action email to go to Shrewsbury School, S High School, 6th Form College and SCAT</p> <p>Bee Campaign. Successful stall at The Hive event about bees. About 50 people attended and 30 signed the petition. Good reception given by Bee Keepers' Assoc to SFoE. Agreed we should email Bee Keepers' Assoc to say that we will be happy to do another event if they wish.</p> <p>Nationally, the campaign is very active. The Regional FoE meeting gave out a lot of information,. The emphasis is on planting flowers, getting publicity.</p>	<p>FO, BP</p> <p>FO</p>
Diary	1 June SFoE stall in Market Square	
AOB	<p>Regional conference. Frank attended. There were about 35-40 people there. Large no of people concerned about HS2. Fracking not an issue yet!</p> <p>Motion to conference – Hedgerow legislation. Barbara draft a motion and circulate to all business group members with a deadline for replies.</p> <p>Marinet – Do we want to join as members? Not really relevant for us to be a member</p> <p>FoE Board Elections. The Board member for the W Mids is prepared to stand again and regional conference agreed.</p> <p>Active membership. The meeting had a discussion about the membership of SFoE business group.</p> <p>Adapting to climate change. The meeting also had a discussion about concerns that the government/media show complacency about cc and appear to assume that the world will adapt to it. FoE should be better organised to comment when politicians suggest that we've got it in hand and we should not be worrying.</p>	BP
Future dates of business meetings	Next business meeting: Monday 8 April 2013 7.30pm: Marches Energy Agency (1 April is Easter Monday)	