

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting: Monday 7 January 2013: 7.30pm: Marches Energy Agency

Notes

Present	Judy Coleridge, Sue Fisher, Barbara Phillips, Frank Oldaker	
Apologies	Mike Richardson, Philip Pool, Denise Thompson, Judith Rice, John Rice, Ian Gregson will not be able to attend any more meetings	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of meeting on 3.12.12	Accepted	
Matters arising	<p>Partnership renewal with FoE. £20 has been sent to renew membership for 2013.</p> <p>SFoE archives. It was agreed that it is not feasible to collect all electronic and hard copy information that is held by individuals. Frank has a lot of electronic documents from Val's time as co-ordinator, which he will keep. Dave has a lot of documents which he also will keep. Presumably Judith is in the same situation. We will assume that mostly, should a past campaigning issue arise again, we shall have to start afresh.</p> <p>Frank is now collecting articles from the Shropshire Star and Shrewsbury Chronicle.</p> <p>Changing wording of Constitution. The wording of the constitution was amended on a hard copy to reflect the AGM's decision that the quorum of a general (ie business) meeting should be 4 for policy to be altered and for more than £50 to be sanctioned for expenditure. Frank will alter the electronic copy in his files.</p> <p>Cheque payments by treasurer. Sometimes there is a delay before John can get cheques in the post. It was agreed that Judy would approach him soon about payment for Web Orchard (the Green Guide)</p> <p>King's Lynn recycling/incineration. There does not seem to have been any major movement in relation to King's Lynn's contract with Duratrust</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JC</p>
Local Campaigns/projects	<p>Green Guide. Judy will email people about the updating procedure. We need to revise the intro about nat FoE and SFoE. Deadline for updates is 1 Feb. Web Orchard is going to train Sue, Mike and Judy on how to update the website. We will launch the GG at the stall on 1 June. The proposal is that we have laptops available for the public to try the GG. Re advertising the site. There is a plan to set up a competition in which, if someone sends FoE an email, they get a link to the GG – and may win a prize. There will be no press adverts but we will pay to put our website link onto other people's websites. Web Orchard will provide support for 2 years. Sue and Judy will check whether WO is setting up a facility for us to be able to send a mass email to all the email addresses on the site.</p> <p>Cardboard collection. The collection in Castle Fields after Xmas went well. No confirmation of amount collected, but probably c. 11 tonnes and c. £70 per tonne.</p> <p>Walks and Talks: Duratrust is on hold until we hear more about King's Lynn's position. Lower Wallop Farm – there is a planning meeting of S Organic Gardeners on 16 Jan and the visit will be discussed then. No extra publicity will be needed.</p> <p>Planning Hedgerow. There have been 200 objections to the planning proposal submitted to remove about 11 miles of hedgerow. Legislation is on the farmer's side – only "important" hedgerow must be preserved. Philip's submission, proposing that the</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SF</p>

	<p>farmer be asked to survey the hedgerow with S Wildlife Trust, was useful. Sue will email members asking them to object.</p> <p>Planning – process. Concern expressed about the way that notification/consultation on applications is being handled by SC. It is hard to find out what is being considered and the consultation period is not awarded much respect. We should ask them to review how they publicise applications. We might be able to use GSX for support. Barbara contact GSX</p> <p>Town centre traffic/air quality. No further action. Frank is interested in pursuing the use of a vehicle recognition system to isolate and charge vehicles which drive through the town rather than stopping for business. He suggests we explore this some more and draw up a proposal to take to SC.</p> <p>GSX. Barbara to ask why anyone needs to register and have a password/log in to contribute to the forum. This may be deterring people from using it.</p>	<p>BP</p> <p>FO</p> <p>BP</p>
Communications issues	<p>Website. Some updating has happened. Paypal facility is great addition. More updating to come. Barbara to notify Mike about the £16 for 3 years for unwaged.</p> <p>Facebook. We need to think further about what we want from a Facebook page.</p>	BP
National Campaigns	<p>Make It Better campaign Frank and Barbara are going to contact colleges and senior schools to see if there are interested green groups/staff.</p> <p>Bee Campaign Frank to ask nat FoE if they are continuing the bee campaign this year.</p>	<p>FO, BP.</p> <p>FO</p>
Diary	1 June SFoE stall in Market Square	
AOB	<p>Newsletter. Barbara to email Jon to see if he can co-ordinate a newsletter to send out at the next meeting.</p> <p>Content: Cardboard collection (Castlefields and also when a kerbside collection is going to start)– Judy Planning consultation concerns – Frank Dave's party – Frank Membership – Sue Waste Watch – Barbara In-vessel composter – Frank Green Deal – Dave (Barbara to email him)</p>	<p>BP</p> <p>BP</p>
Future dates of business meetings	Next business meeting: Monday 4 February 2013	