

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting

Monday 10th September 2018 7.30pm The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station)

Notes

Present	Sue Fisher, Judy Coleridge, Sheila Jones, Beth Holgate, Tony Green, Philip Pool, Frank Oldaker	
Apologies	Barbara Philips, Mike Richardson, Clive Parsons, Emma Charles, Katy Chandler	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes	Notes of Business Meeting 6th August 2018. Agreed	
Matters arising From 6th August	Sue was present. No one has come forward to stand as Treasurer. We are still looking.	
Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media and Publicity - Website In absence of Emma, Katy and Mike item left until next meeting • Regular Column on the Environment in Star or Chronicle Draft letter to the editors discussed. Judy will amend and circulate again. If agreed proposing start in the New Year • Rea Brook and Litter Picking Beth reported that there is some litter between Asda and Cineworld. Sheila keeping an eye on the situation. Agreed doing another litter pick where needed would be a positive and satisfying action. Needs to be during winter when vegetation has died down so provisionally end of January. Could be Rea Valley or elsewhere. • Plastics and Green Guide Judy will bring leaflets next time. Sue has found some more places to leave them. A friend of hers delivered them to her neighbours. Still need to think of other ways of publicising the GG. Need to check Google Analytics for any change in no of hits. Judy pointed out that we should have changed our home lights to LED's and Sue will draft a para for the GG • Talk by Leanne Trow, Paul Frith and Ali Thomas - 5th November Judy has booked UCS (the ex Council Chamber) and the speakers. Agreed we need a sub group to organise and Judy, Sue, Sheila, Philip and Frank will meet at Judy's next Monday the 17th September at 7-30pm. Judy will email Paul and Leanne re a title for the event. All to look at recent FoE email on plastics. • Air quality Is 2017 data available? Need to check whether it has been published. • NWRR and The Oxon Link We have advised DfT of situation re Oxon Link planning application. Got our piece on the Oxon Link in the press. SC have sent the OBC to Midlands Connect as a possible alternative source of funding. • Big Town Plan Barbara and Clive drew up comments and we asked members for their views. Frank will pull these together and submit our response. • Planning and Development Issues Prison Visitor Centre site – Philip submitted comments on cycle storage Mousecroft Lane – Tony has submitted an objection for SFoE. Rest of us to comment as individuals. Greenfields- Has been approved but residents group will challenge on basis that land was to be kept for recreational use. Ellesmere Road – Application for 36 flats – Tony has submitted an objection on our behalf. 	<p>EC,KC, MR</p> <p>JC</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>JC GG group ALL MR</p> <p>SF</p> <p>JC SF SJ PP FO JC</p> <p>MR</p> <p>FO</p> <p>FO</p> <p>ALL</p>

	<p>Local Plan Report is expected to be published in July 2019 and the Local Transport Plan in January 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSX Nothing to report 	
National / Regional FoE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bee Campaign – No action at present • Report on Council Pension Fund investments in fracking companies – This appeared in the Star and was the result of a nation wide research project . • Campaign against making “Fracking” a permitted development – The government consultation is ongoing and we will ask councillors to respond to it individually. 	FO
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 points Members’ email – Agreed we do one:- The talk on 5th Nov, change your light bulbs to LED’s, our involvement in the Big Town Plan and the NWRR/ Oxon Link. 	FO
AOB		
Upcoming dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22nd Sept Michaelmas Fair in Bishops Castle • 22nd Sept “Green Clean” a litter pick in Telford Town Park organised by CPRE • 28th Sept Talk by Andri Snaer Magnason - (He is from Iceland and is one of Europes most influential environmentalists). Trefonen Village Hall 7pm £5 (incl refreshments) pre booking necessary with Trefonen Rural Protection Group. TPRGevents@trefonen-rpg.co.uk • 2nd Oct Talk “No-one is illegal” Fighting for Migrant’s Rights after Windrush 7-30pm University Centre – Shrewsbury By Ed Lewis – Policy and Campaign’s Manager for Global Justice Now • 6th Oct Blackberry Fair – Whitchurch • 5th Nov Talk “The Plastic Problem” 3 Presentations of global, national and local solutions. 7-30pm University Centre - Shrewsbury 	ALL
Next SFoE meeting	<p>Monday 1st October at The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station) 7.30pm</p>	