

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting
Monday 13th July 7.30pm Lion Hotel

Notes

Present	Frank Oldaker, Mike Richardson, Tony Green, Sue Fisher, Philip Pool, Barbara Phillips	
Apologies	Becky Crothall, Judy Coleridge	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of meeting 8.6.15	Agreed	
Matters arising from meeting held on 8.6.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University College Freshers' Day is on 29 Sept. We have been asked for £80 returnable deposit to secure a stand. Agreed. • Traffic reduction in St Julian Friars. Becky was not at the meeting • Website updates to be sent to Mike: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bees - Frank ○ Planning - Frank ○ GSX - Barbara ○ Traffic - Barbara ○ Ironbridge Power Station - Frank <p>These are still outstanding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basecamp – Becky was unable to attend. 	<p>FO, TG</p> <p>BC</p> <p>FO, BP</p>
Local Campaigns/ Projects/Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre Traffic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Traffic Group had a meeting with Matthew Clark who reported on air quality in the town centre. The main problem area is around the station which is becoming increasingly residential. Shropshire Council has introduced “scoot” technology on the lights so that if a queue of traffic builds up, the lights automatically change to allow the traffic through. It is an intelligent system which learns as it works! ○ According to the press, SC is interested in considering our proposal. ○ We have had furious emails from a resident of Town Walls, the councillor for Quarry and Town Walls, and an FoE member “Muttley”. ○ Decided that we should do a survey of the retailers along High Street/Mardol Head/Shoplatch. Barbara will draft some questions. Sue, Frank, Barbara, Philip volunteered to help. ○ We maybe should also consider the possibility of closing Town Walls, except for residents ○ Frank proposed that we suggest car parkers at Abbey Foregate be able to get onto the Park & Ride buses free, so they can get into the town centre. ○ We should ask Simon Jones and Andy Savage for a meeting. ○ To keep the issue alive, we should do another press release/letter to the press. ○ Philip will contact Dominic Robertson to say thank you for the useful press coverage of the issue. ○ Barbara to email “Muttley” to explain that he is not on our local database, that local groups are autonomous and that we are not in a position to ask FoE to cancel emails to him. • Flower Show Frank is drawing up a schedule for staffing the stall. Tony is sending out briefing papers. • Coal bed methane The enquiry may not be until next year. The Dudleston group are getting support from FoE though probably not for the enquiry. • Rea Brook litter Judy has contacted Asda again. SWLT and the Countryside Unit of Shropshire Council are also involved but not really talking effectively to each other 	<p>BP, SF, FO, PP</p> <p>PP</p> <p>BP</p> <p>FO, TG</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCRN No news • AGM Judy has suggested that we might approach John Vidal, which would be good. Philip will ask Judy if she can contact him. If he is not available, we could ask Richard Davies, ex-MEA, or Share Energy which is based in Shrewsbury • New membership form and subscriptions It was thought that it would be OK if we had just one photo. We could use one of the quotes that Barbara sent to Becky – the meeting thought the final quote about preserving the world for our grandchildren was the best. Frank will tell Becky. • GG flyers Are there enough for the Flower Show? It seems that Judy has found a stash of them – so should be OK. • Members' email: 4 points Barbara did write our 4 paragraphs for information to members – but sent them to Frank thinking he'd send them on....! Misunderstanding. She will re-do them and this time they'll be sent out. 	PP FO BP
National FoE	FoE have written inviting people to sit on the selection panel for the Board. Need to have relevant experience. No-one expressed interest..	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incinerator It's up and running but has not yet been handed over to Veolia. In one year's time, we will ask for emissions data and information about the energy being made available. • Recycling Cardboard! Frank will ask Judy if she wants to pursue this. If not, he will contact James. • Global Justice Now Asked us to support a proposal to Shropshire Council that they become a TTIP-free area. We are not sure that this would be feasible so decided not to pick it up as an organisation. Individuals are free to sign the petition. Barbara to contact Suzanne at GJN 	FO BP
Dates	<p>Bishop's Castle Eco Fair 25 July Flower Show - 14th-15th August Ludlow Green Festival August 30-31 Mere Festival Sept 19</p>	
Next Meeting	August 3 rd . The Lion 7.30	