

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting

Monday 14 January 2019 7.30pm The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station)

Notes

Present	Tony Green, Judy Coleridge, Paola Alessandri-Gray, Mike Richardson, Frank Oldaker, Sheila Jones, Beth Holgate, Clive Parsons, Pauline Wilton, Alan Leaman, Philip Pool, Barbara Phillips	
Apologies	Sue Fisher	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes	Notes of Business Meeting 12 November 2018. Agreed	
Matters arising from 12 Nov 2018	<p>Items not on agenda Diary of events – Judy wrote to Amnesty and Global Justice to say that we want to be included in a diary which will cover the activities of groups like us and them.</p>	
Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues	<p>“Plastics problem” event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike has put the presentations from all the presenters on our website • Ali’s slide of “what we can do” has gone into the Green Guide with the advice prepared by Stretton Climate Care. • Members and those who signed up as “Supporters” at the event have been emailed with more info and an update. • Liz and Pauline decided not to go ahead with the event in The Square. But there is going to be a series of events 10-23 Feb which Sarah is organising. Pauline will bring fliers to next meeting. • David Vasmer (Councillor for Underdale) has proposed to Shrewsbury TC that one of their objectives for 2019 should be to install litter bins which separate waste from recyclables. • Barbara informed FoE that we are willing to meet our MP to ask that he supports their Action Plan. Nothing has been heard from them. Agreed we would wait for them to contact us. Pauline is going to ask Ali Thomas if she knows about this (not sure that’s correctly notes) • Churches Together are meeting Daniel Kawczynski. Beth will ask him what the government plans to do about single use plastics. <p>Air quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FoE is going to put out a press release some time in Jan which gives a map of all the places in England which fail UK air quality standards. • Mike has been monitoring the local data closely. Monitoring quality is low and only done outside homes, not workplaces or schools. He has had a meeting with Dan Morris (Cllr and Leader of the Conservative Party) and Matt Clarke who monitors air quality. • The sub group of Frank, Mike and Barbara have agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mike has a meeting with Dan and Mike booked later this month. At this he will raise the issue of the Air Quality Action Plan and what actions we believe could improve air quality and be in line with the Big Town Plan. ○ The group will draft a press release to go out as soon as FoE puts theirs out. ○ The group will circulate a briefing paper to all councillors to explain the situation and comment on what action can be taken. 	
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Planning and Development Issues

- **Greenfields.** The action group which is fighting the development of houses on the “recreation ground” is raising money to force a judicial review by the Council. They have contacted Leigh Day Solicitors who have agreed that there is a case to be made. Frank and Barbara proposed that we give the group £200. This was agreed. Tony to arrange payment.
- **New housing proposals and the Local Plan.** The sub group are preparing SFoE’s response to the coming consultation.
Some comments:
 - Employment site near Preston Montford roundabout. Comment that it’s outside the town boundary and that Shrewsbury already has empty units.
 - Shelton Rough – wildlife needs protecting
 - Meola Brace housing. This may stop Park & Ride expanding
 - CPRE says that S Council is building 10,000 more houses than they have been allocated – which is unnecessary.Tony (in Green Shropshire Exchange role) has met with Shropshire Wildlife Trust and CPRE.
Everyone can comment on the consultation before 8 Feb.
There is a presentation of the plans at the Guildhall on Wed evening – for stage 2 of the Local Plan. Tony will attend.
Stage 3 of the Local Plan will include Ironbridge housing and Turnhill Barracks.
- **Shrewsbury Growing Forward conference** on 19 Jan. Clive, Paola, Philip and Tony will be attending. The briefing paper for people attending was accepted in principle.
- **Planning applications or issues of interest .** Nothing else at present

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Proposed water campaign

Severn Trent Water have emailed about their planned campaign “Refill” on 27th Feb 9.30 – 3.30 and are asking for volunteers to join in. The aim is to get local businesses signed up to provide water refills of people’s cups/bottles free of charge.
We agreed in principle to join in. Two people volunteered. Put on the agenda for next meeting.

Global Justice & talk by John Vidal

GJ would like to invite JV to speak in Shrewsbury and are asking for suggested topics.
Suggestions included: why climate change is an emergency; climate change and effect on migration; farming methods in developing countries.
Also thought it would be good to ask JV what he would like to present.

BP

Green Guide: Regular Column on the Environment in Star or Chronicle?

It was agreed that in principle this was a good idea. It would be sensible to base it on info in the Green Guide as this would make it easier to submit regular pieces. These could be interspersed with current comment whenever wanted.
Judy has drafted a letter which Barbara and Frank will comment on.

JC,FO,BP

Finances

- **SFoE banking** Paola has undertaken some research into banks and has concluded that there is no obviously ethical bank available for us to use.

	<p>Agreed we will stay with the Co-op. Paola, Sue, Judy and Barbara will be signatories for cheques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Websites. Domain names for SFoE's site and GG site have been paid for for next 2 years - £23.98 each including VAT <p><u>Bring banks consultation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank has put in a submission to the Council's consultation on closing the recycling bring banks that are found in car parks etc. • He also contacted Tetrapak and discovered that they have come to an agreement with Veolia that all paks will be recycled by 2025. Frank is going to ask S Council what they are planning in this respect. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extinction Rebellion • ER have submitted a climate emergency resolution to Shrewsbury Town Council. Request people attend. Jan 25th <p><u>Media and Publicity – Website</u> No report yet from Emma or Katy on progress.</p> <p><u>Rea Brook and Litter Picking</u> Taylor Wimpey responded to Sheila's demand that they clear up their site. They did a very good litter collection at the end of Nov. Sheila needs to check whether they have continued to keep it clean. It was suggested that we organise another litter pick – possibly between the Canal Tavern and the Flaxmill, as people enjoyed the last one a lot. Sheila has implements. Put on the agenda next time.</p> <p><u>GSX</u> Tony will send the GSX newsletter round this group.</p>	<p>PA- G,BP,JC,SF</p> <p>FO</p> <p>All</p> <p>TG</p>
<p>National / Regional FoE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality. Discussed earlier. FoE is going to put out a press release 	
<p>Communication</p>	<p>4 points Members' email and printed newsletter.</p> <p>Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Air quality ○ Julian's climate change motion to Shropshire Council and Task & Finish Group ○ Bring Banks ○ 9 Feb talk 	<p>BP,FO</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judy suggested that we invite Client Earth to do a talk. Judy will ask them • The co-ordinators received an email about the proposed housing development south of Mytton Oak Road. Local people are worried about the pond. Barbara will reply and Tony will investigate further. • A planning application has been submitted to build an incinerator in Buttington. Frank will investigate. • Judy suggested we might ask John Morris who was at the Plastics event, who used to be a youth worker and is now a street sweeper in town, to come and chat to us before one of our meetings. It was thought that it might be a good idea to suggest to him what sort of thing we would be interested in. It might be a bit daunting! Judy enquire. • Bridgnorth are doing a Plastics Free event in July. They are going to contact Judy to see if we want to be involved. 	<p>JC</p> <p>BP TG</p> <p>FO</p> <p>JC</p>

Upcoming dates	<p>9 Feb. Climate Change, Evolution Deniers and Anti-Science. Unitarian Church Shrewsbury 2.30pm</p> <p>June 8th. Birmingham. FoE and Groundswell are offering a training day on climate change to FoE members. Open to all members. Tony and Dave are going. Agreed SFoE would pay their costs - £9 each.</p>	
Next SFoE mtg	4th Feb 2019	