

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth  
**Business Meeting**  
**Monday 2 July 2018 7.30pm The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station)**

**Notes**

<b>Present</b>	Judy Coleridge, Beth Holgate, Clive Parsons, Tony Green, Frank Oldaker	
<b>Apologies</b>	Barbara Phillips, Sue Fisher, Sheila Jones, Mike Richardson	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Before the meeting we had learned that Jane had been diagnosed with cancer found after she and Philip had to cut short their holiday. Judy is going to see them on Friday and she was asked to personally convey SFoE's sympathy. Those present wished her to say how much we care about them and are sure that everyone feels the same.	JC
<b>Notes</b>	<b>Notes of Business Meeting 4 June 2018. Agreed</b>	
<b>Matters arising From 4 June</b>	Covered by agenda items	
<b>Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Media and Publicity - Website</b> Discuss at next meeting. Emma and Katy near to being able to present the new website.</li> <li>• <b>Triodos Bank</b> Jane as SFoE's Treasurer, has been liaising with the Bank about the setting up of our account with them. Because of her illness it has been decided to put this process on hold for the time being and the Bank have already been informed. Tony as outgoing Treasurer, has been assisting but agreed at the meeting to stand in to deal with financial matters as necessary in the immediate future. Tony was thanked for this by the meeting.</li> <li>• <b>GDPR</b> The response from people on our lists was good. Frank reported that the setting up of the definitive list of supporters, who have agreed to be contacted, is still to be done.</li> <li>• <b>Rea Brook and SWLT's action "Love Your Magnificent Severn"</b> Considered a success and lots of publicity by SWLT but we had separate pieces in the local press as well. Thanks to all who took part. It is understood that subsequently The STC Countryside Unit have removed large items of debris from the Rea Brook including the stretch upstream from Meole Brace Island. We have been given 5 litter pickers and hi-viz vests by SWLT but no doubt can borrow more if we want to organise an event of our own.</li> <li>• <b>Plastics and Green Guide</b> Emma doing leaflet and says she can distribute but Frank will contact her to see if help is needed. Judy reported that the initiatives on dealing with plastic waste are so numerous it is impossible to keep up. Talk by Martin Forrest and Ali Thomas – Judy will ask Ali about dates and Barbara has approached Martin but as far as we know no response so far. Judy will also enquire about cost of rooms for hire at UCS. FoE is promoting "Plastic Free Fridays" encouraging everyone to live without single use plastic every Friday.</li> <li>• <b>Air quality.</b> Discuss next month if 2017 data is available.</li> <li>• <b>Planning and Development Issues</b> Greenfields – The Action Group have lawyers from Leigh Day involved. SC querying whether necessary procedures were followed by STC re planning permission matters. Judy knows someone on the Action Group and was surprised</li> </ul>	<p>EC, KC, MR</p> <p>AG</p> <p>FO</p> <p>EC, FO</p> <p>JC, BP</p>

	<p>to hear it said that SFoE “weren’t interested”. She will correct that misunderstanding informally.</p> <p>Other current planning applications or proposals of interest- Noted that the Ironbridge Power Station site has been purchased by a developer.</p> <p>Because of Jane’s illness it is assumed Philip won’t be able to scrutinise planning applications so both Tony and Clive will keep a watching brief on submissions and development matters generally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Spaces – SC Planning Dept are setting up an arrangement whereby they are proactive in considering what green space is appropriate within a development. At present developers include what they want in their proposals. We will follow up with the BID when The Big Town Plan is due to be published and whether there are conclusions from the Civic Society conference.</li> <li>• <b>GSX</b> Tony reported that GSX has advised The Charity Commission that they wish to dissolve the charity. There will be a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> July when the form of GSX in the future will be discussed. People interested in being on the Steering Group are wanted and if interested should contact Tony.</li> </ul>	JC  AG, CP  BP, FO  ALL
<b>National / Regional FoE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bee Campaign</b> – Bee Count has just finished. Frank has obtained materials produced for this but which are of general use. They will be on the SOGS stand at the Shrewsbury Flower Show.</li> </ul>	FO
<b>Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>4 points Members’ email.</b> Not enough new items so leave this month.</li> <li>• <b>Printed newsletter:</b> Still under consideration – good time to produce will be with campaign on air quality / NWRR?</li> </ul>	
<b>AOB</b>	<p>Peter Nutting – SC Leader – has been on Shropshire Radio and has been quoted in the local press in relation to car parking charges and reducing traffic in the town centre. He supported the increase of on street parking charges on the basis that traffic in the town centre needs to be reduced. However, when talking about the development of the Riverside Shopping Mall he says it should include more car parking -----which would bring more traffic into the town centre. This illogical thinking needs to be challenged and meeting felt a letter to the Shropshire Star at least is needed. Also, Clive will raise the matter at the next meeting of Sustainable Transport Shropshire.</p>	FO CP
<b>Upcoming dates</b>	<p>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 10.00-15.30 - Hay Meadow Festival – The Bog , Pennerley Nr Stiperstones. Celebrating 60yrs of the Shropshire Hills AONB</p> <p>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Ludlow Green Festival</p> <p>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – GSX Meeting on the future of the organisation.</p> <p>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 19.30 - Room 019 – University Centre Shrewsbury - Talk by Ed Lewis (National Organiser at Global Justice Now) on “hostile environments to migration”</p>	
<b>Next SFoE meeting</b>	<p>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 – The Alb – Smithfield Road.</p>	