

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting
Monday 3 October 2016 7.30pm Lion Hotel**

Notes

Present	Barbara Phillips, Judy Coleridge, Mike Richardson, Sue Fisher, Sheila Jones, Tony Green, Frank Oldaker	
Apologies	Philip Pool	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes	Notes of business meeting 5.9.16	Agreed
Matters arising	Dealt with under agenda items	
Local Campaigns/ Projects/Issues	<p>Town Centre Air Quality – Monitoring We had to return the PM2.5 monitor a week ago. Mike and Frank did the tests throughout the month we had it. We quickly learned that even the lightest breeze dispersed pollution almost immediately and there were very few “still” days. Findings remain to be fully assessed but found that a stationary line of traffic produced a low level, traffic climbing a hill created the worst conditions (Castle Hill), there are “rogue” vehicles about that resulted in high transient readings. Tests were done in fixed locations and also along chosen walking routes and car journeys. We had one day of high ambient pollution when readings everywhere, including in the countryside, were 60-70 micrograms/cu m. Traffic emissions then added to this. Mike will collate all the info and send to FoE. They are still writing the campaign advice on how to use the data from the separate initiative using NOx diffusion tubes that other groups and individuals have obtained and will do the same for the PM2.5 monitoring after that.</p> <p>Traffic campaign <u>NWRR</u> - Agreed we will continue to watch carefully. Application by the LEP for money to review the business case is not yet decided.</p> <p><u>Robert Saunders’ electric charging points campaign</u> - Now been advised that the LEP won’t consider this proposal until their December meeting because agendas before then too full.</p> <p>Sustainable Transport Shropshire Peter Gilbert is Chair. Peter and Philip submitted an objection to The Flaxmill planning application. It was wide ranging including sustainable transport ideas in a much wider context. We feel this is a useful contribution to make people think. Separately nearby residents have objected because of the nuisance they would suffer and the Highways Dept have concerns about the immediate road network being adequate.</p> <p>Climate Change Action Jo called a meeting but Dave and Tony have decided to pull out. Feeling is that complexities of the investments in the Council Pension Scheme and the number of other member organisations means success is very unlikely and the considerable work needed is out of proportion.</p> <p>Rea Brook litter Sheila reported that at Asda an 18ft section of the fence is still to have mesh fitted. The gap along the bottom of the fence has been filled in. Clearing the bank of the brook will go ahead when the Himalayan Balsam has died down. When this is done we will do a “big” press release.</p> <p>Flower Show Waste and Litter Sheila emailed the Secretary raising the issues but hasn’t had a reply. The Town Council have no control over the Flower Show arrangements and there does not appear to be anyone on the committee who would push the issue of sustainability. Frank will draft a letter and liase with Sheila, to try and provoke them into taking the matter seriously.</p>	<p>MR FO</p> <p>MR</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>FO SJ</p>

	<p>Green Guide The sub group had met before the meeting. It is essential that the wider group do updating so individual workloads are reasonable. Discussed whether we want to keep The Guide going and feeling was positive. It is viewed 30-40 times/ month and there has been no publicity by us for a long time. Internet searches seem to favour it if key words people are likely to think of are used. Agreed we would each update, by the end of November, one section we have previously done.</p> <p>AGM speaker Dave will talk on the renewable energy situation. Tony will ask him about poster title and design and Judy will book The Hobbs Room.</p> <p>GSX Tony had requested a meeting with Clive Wright but was turned down for the near future. CW did reply saying SC were involved in discussions about development of Ironbridge Power Station site. Also they were pursuing the setting up of an energy company and were looking at the possibilities of solar pv arrays at closed landfill sites and on planned development sites.</p> <p>Planning Issues Sue has not had a reply from Portfolio Holder for Sports and Leisure re Lidl proposal at Greenhous Meadow. The fact that portfolio holders won't get involved with planning applications means in this case the interests of the people are not being supported. This seems to undermine the democratic process of portfolio holders being able to look after their given areas of responsibility. We don't see why they cannot be active as long as they are not on the relevant planning committee.</p> <p>Membership Sylvi has started looking at the database to determine the situation re each member's subs payment history. Agreed we will not be chasing overdue payments for this year but will make a fresh start for next year. Tony had sent payments info to Frank earlier in the year and Frank will forward this to Mike for Sylvi.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>AG JC</p> <p>SG MR FO</p>
National FoE	Bees Air pollution	
Communication	<p>4 points Members' email: Need to give a months notice re AGM so will need to send out notification before end of October. At present there aren't appropriate points to include in an email so we will wait until AGM advice is sent.</p>	BP FO
AOB		
Dates	<p>12th November – Local Groups Gathering - Birmingham 17th November - John Whitelegg Talk in Ludlow</p>	
Next Meeting	Monday 7 November 2016 7.30pm The Lion Hotel	