

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting
Monday 5 December 7.30pm Lion Hotel

Agenda

Present	Tony Green, Mike Richardson, Frank Oldaker, Judy Coleridge, Philip Pool, Sheila Jones, Barbara Phillips	
Apologies	Sue Fisher	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes	Notes of business meeting 7.11.16 Agreed	
Matters arising	See agenda	
Local Campaigns/Projects/Issues	<p>AGM Went well. Barbara write to Dave and thank him</p> <p>GSX and Regional FoE Tony reported on 2 important meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shropshire Voluntary and Community Sector Board meeting. They are largely concerned with health and social care issues at the moment and are considering whether to form a forum with Shrewsbury University to undertake research into the work of the voluntary sector. • Sustainability W Mids conference. Discussed the W Mids Combined Authority (set up by George Osborne). 3 candidates for mayor. Money comes into the area via 6 LEPs of which one is the Marches LEP for which Shropshire is the lead authority. SWM has been made responsible for the WMCA sustainability brief. (see also para below) <p>Barbara reported on the Local FoE groups' meeting which was held in Birmingham.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shrewsbury appeared to be one of the strongest groups in the W Mids. There was discussion around how/whether regional solidarity could be increased by groups supporting each other. • Discussion re pollution: including info that 75% of particulates come from vehicles, emitted from <u>all</u> vehicles as a result of wearing tyres, brakes, the road surface. Wyre Forest reported on a pollution campaign they have, called "Breathe On". Good name! • Discussion re WMCA (see above para). Responsible for transport, job creation – but not housing, education, planning. Limited budget of £30m going on establishing themselves. • Shropshire is applying to join as a non-constituent member, which means we can join in discussions but not vote. <p>Town Centre Air Quality and Town Centre traffic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike has been away. He is still considering how/whether to report to FoE on our pollution monitoring. • In relation to the Meola Brace roundabout, Chris Endacott, who is an expert in sustainable transport, has been analysing the Treados report commissioned by Shropshire Council on the traffic effects of the Oteley Road development. He and Barbara are working with Chris Stoddart on his presentation to Shropshire Council for 15th Dec. • FoE have a petition about diesel on their website. <p>Sustainable Transport Shropshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara not yet spoken to Mike re use of website page for reference materials for STS <p>Rea Brook clean-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday is a deadline when the project manager intends to sign off the work. Asda is removing trees and heaping up litter. They have not meshed the 18ft length of a culvert and we can argue that this is a safety hazard. Sheila, Frank and Robin Mager will attend the signing off. If there is no commitment on this date to longer 	BP
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	<p>term funding, Sheila will appeal above the project director's head. Robin Mager is finding out who owns the recycling station land.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The BP garage are unclear whether they own the land right down to the bank of the brook. Sheila is going to put out a letter to Brook St residents. There is no rush to do a press release about all this – better to wait until it's really sorted. <p>Flower Show Waste and Litter Outstanding action: Frank to draft a letter and liaise with Sheila, to try and provoke them into taking sustainability more seriously.</p> <p>Green Guide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy is talking to Shropshire Council Communications Dept about what Veolia is achieving and will then update the GG comment on them and approach them both (Veolia and SC) to include a link to the GG on their websites. Re updating the sections: Frank has nearly done tourism. More checking is going on. Building and Health are still outstanding in terms of updating the info. <p>Planning Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caterpillar site. They are planning to rebuild a smaller factory and add 150 houses. Philip is looking at this. Travis Perkins have just sold their site and houses are to be built there. Philip is talking to a senior planner about being involved at an earlier stage in the planning process. <p>Membership Sylvi has got info about members' payments. The membership fee amount can only be changed at an AGM, so we should be thinking about that for next year. A meeting is planned about the membership situation and thought will be given to our wider database of contacts.</p>	FO SJ JC
National FoE		
Communication	<p>4 points Members' email:</p> <p>Transport blueprint Local groups meeting in Birmingham AGM Happy new year.</p>	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natalie Bennett talk. A comment was made about publicity for the event and whether it could have been improved. Tony pointed out that it was a Green Party event and details went out to all members. NWRR. Dave Green is prepared to act as an advisor but can't be an activist. The LEP has given £1m for Shropshire Council to produce a business case. Debate about whether this will cover ground already covered or will be quite different. It was agreed we would set up a group to discuss what we might do. Frank to speak to Dave. Tony reported that there will be a GSX Shropshire-wide meeting about transport issues in the spring. Judy asked whether we might contribute to Gumble which is a project John Vidal started. Agreed Judy would email everyone a web link. 	FO JC
Dates	<p>Tuesday 13 Dec 8.00pm Xmas drinks Next business meeting Monday 9 January 2017 7.30pm The Lion Hotel</p>	