

## Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting**  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 7.30pm Lion Hotel**

### Notes

<b>Present</b>	Judy Coleridge, Tony Green, Mike Richardson, Frank Oldaker, Sheila Jones, Barbara Phillips	
<b>Apologies</b>	Sue Fisher, Philip Pool	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Notes of business meeting 1.8.16</b>	Change: Mike & Judy have done updating to the Green Guide. Otherwise, agreed.	
<b>Matters arising from business meeting held on 4.7.16</b>	<p><b>North West Relief Road</b> MP pushing for the road again- do we respond?            Include in discussion of agenda item 1</p> <p><b>Finance Info</b> Tony has passed this to Barbara</p>	
<b>Local Campaigns/ Projects/Issues</b>	<p><b>1. Traffic and Town Centre Air Quality – Monitoring</b>            SC measures nitrous oxide with their monitors. Mike &amp; Frank have been doing spot readings of particles under 2.5 micrograms per cc of air, with the borrowed air monitor. Legal limits – not sure. Probably 10 annually or 25 daily average over 24 hours. Many scientists think it should be much lower. Particles penetrate deep into tissues and can give problems later in life. No safe level. (news today is that the link between particles and Alzheimer’s is being explored)            Pollution levels on spot readings not high, though Mike got 30 under the long railway arch near station. Any breeze blows away the particles.            Frank returned on a still day and took readings over several minutes in different places. (The monitor takes a reading every second and then logs the average for each minute on a graph). His graphs show great fluctuation. The average over 6 mins outside Sarnies on High Street = 34.            We can try again when the schools are back. Mike &amp; Frank to continue to monitor on still days. Contact other people for support if nec.            Can the instrument be monitoring pollen? Unlikely, since the machine has different calibrations for different particles.            DEFRA produces ambient pollution forecasts for areas each day.</p> <p><b>SITP</b> – going ahead despite comments in the consultation.  <b>NWRR. Did we discuss?</b></p> <p><b>2. Transport Forum – Next Meeting</b>            6 Sept. Barbara will attend and Frank if possible. Philip is in hospital.</p> <p><b>3. Climate Change Action</b>            No development</p> <p><b>4. Rea Brook litter</b>            Final clear when Himalayan balsam has cleared. Asda have netted the fence but there are probably gaps at the bottom. Sheila will get back to them if nec.            Asda have not done the bridge section. Asda are OK about swift and bat boxes which will be put up if funding is found. SC is going to clear under Old Potts Rd in near future.</p> <p><b>5. Flower Show Waste and Litter</b>            Sheila reported that there was no litter-picking done. She will contact the Horticultural Soc. Concern that Wem depot is not sorting waste. Frank talk to Alan Mosley and ask Bill if he knows anyone on the Horticultural Soc Cttee.</p> <p><b>6. Green Guide</b>            Still need everyone to update their sections. Meeting of team at end of month. Judy will email Sue with the date.</p> <p><b>7. AGM speaker</b>            Dave Green has offered to give a talk re the hydro. Good idea. Judy to contact him.</p>	<p>MR,FO</p> <p>BP,FO</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ,FO</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC</p>

	<p><b>8. GSX</b>  Food workshop. 18 Oct 7.00pm MEA offices. This will be a discussion re food-related projects currently in existence, possible future projects and the role of GSX in supporting this. Let Tony know if we want to go.  GSX continuing with regular Clive Wright meetings.  GSX been in contact with Robert Saunders re the Ironbridge site. Robert also submitted proposal to Marches LEP re electric car charging strategy. Barbara to write to SC re the strategy and ask for SC to support it.</p> <p><b>9. Planning Issues</b>  Sue has sent email to portfolio holders of Sports &amp; Leisure re their role in influencing planning decisions.  The Flaxmill planning application is under scrutiny because of car parking arrangements</p> <p><b>10. Membership</b>  Becky has returned everything. Meeting with Sylvi – Barbara, Frank, Sue, Tony attend. Judy will email Sue re a date to meet near start of Oct.  Need to change the name on membership forms. If anyone has a hard copy or electronic copy, send to Mike.</p> <p><b>11. 12 Nov Local Groups “Get Together” in Birmingham</b>  Barbara and Frank attend</p>	<p>BP</p> <p>JC All</p> <p>BP,FO</p>
<b>National FoE</b>	<b>Bees Air pollution</b> Nothing to report	
<b>Communication</b>	<b>4 points Members’ email:</b> SITP AGM. Cttee members needed including treasurer Hydro – attach newsletter	BP
<b>AOB</b>	<b>Veolia.</b> Info: Shrewsbury green waste goes to Mark for biodegrading. Rest of Shropshire green waste goes to Wolverhampton and they decide how much to incinerate.	
<b>Dates</b>	<b>12th September – Electric Vehicle Day in Church Stretton</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> November – Local Groups Gathering - Birmingham</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> November - John Whitelegg Talk in Ludlow</b>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 – 7-30pm at The Lion Hotel</b>	