

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting
Monday 6th February 2017 7.30pm Lion Hotel

Notes of the Meeting

Present	Sheila Jones, Barbara Phillips, Judy Coleridge, Tony Green, Mike Richardson, Frank Oldaker, Philip Pool	
Apologies	Sue Fisher	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of meeting on 9.1.17	Correction:- GSX – John Whitelegg is advising on the preparation of a transport plan for South Shropshire not actually doing it.	
Matters arising	Covered under agenda items	
Local Campaigns/ Projects/Issues	<p>GSX Have been successful in their lottery grant application. The ECO17 project for which the lottery funding was obtained will be launched tomorrow. – see GSX website for more info. In previous years the AGM and Green Gathering have been held together but this year they will be separated with the AGM in May and the conference in the autumn.</p> <p>Town centre air quality, Town centre traffic and Sustainable Transport Shropshire Our monitoring didn't give us any info to show there is a problem that could be used in the argument to reduce traffic. Mike has started putting some info on a plan but we don't feel it is worth spending lots of time on this. A meeting was held with James Handley of the BID and he wants to include the STS strategy in the "Master Plan". Tony, Barbara and John Shaddock met with John Whitelegg who is keen for there to be a Shropshire wide plan for sustainable transport which Tony feels will take some time to achieve. STS consider it is important to get the plan for Shrewsbury to Shropshire Council asap. NWRR -- We will look at the Lancaster Business Case that John Whitelegg has brought to our attention.</p> <p>Rea Brook clean-up The triangle of land, where ownership was not previously confirmed, is owned by Asda and the title documents say it must be kept clean. Asda Facilities manager has asked Sheila to send a plan showing where fencing is still needed. Home Bargains are carrying out monitoring.</p> <p>Flower Show Waste and Litter Sheila has had a positive response from John Harvey and will liaise. Frank to do an email to him re sustainability in general.</p> <p>Green Guide Sub Group is having a meeting this month. Updating is ongoing.</p> <p>Planning Issues Philip is looking at planning applications by the week. Frank replied to Bryan Payling and no further action needed. Local Plan – Out for consultation. Reporting that progress on building the 27,000 houses between 2006 and 2026 is a bit behind. Suggestion is for 11-13 thousand more by 2036 of which 30 percent would be in Shrewsbury. Barbara is keen to push for higher environmental standards – may be able to do so under the NPPF. Also the Sutton Grange development is an example of the creation of a poor general environment – Barbara and Philip will meet to discuss how "quality" can be improved on such developments. Re involving contributors Clive Wright says they will be emailed to advise them of the current consultation. Ironbridge Power Station site – SC and T & W Councils are discussing. Cophorne Barracks site – Application in for 200 new houses and keeping old buildings. Suggestion has been made that existing buildings should be converted for use by veterans.</p>	<p>AG</p> <p>FO MR</p> <p>BP</p> <p>BP,FO,P P,</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ FO</p> <p>JC,MR,S F,</p> <p>PP</p> <p>BP,FO, PP</p> <p>BP,PP</p>

	<p>Membership. Sylvi had emailed the following report on her efforts so far:-</p> <p>In mid-January I emailed/posted letters to about 60 people, some of whom hadn't paid a membership fee during the period for which I have records (from October 2013)</p> <p>So far 13 have responded to my reminder 5 have paid by cheque, of whom three for three years membership 6 have paid by PayPal, of whom one for three years and 5 by annually recurring payments 2 at least have told me they have set up Standing Orders but that can only be verified when the bank statement arrives.</p> <p>We currently have 24 paid-up members</p> <p>1 new member has joined by cheque</p> <p>This progress made is much appreciated.</p> <p>UKWIN Frank to send Tony info so the agreed £100 can be sent. This to include our £25 annual membership.</p> <p>Shropshire Council Consultation Barbara wrote to Chris Stoddart. No enthusiasm for a campaign on the general issue of how the Council carries out consultations.</p>	<p>SG</p> <p>FO,AG</p>
<p>National FoE</p>	<p>Membership Need to confirm we are paid up.</p>	<p>FO, BP, AG</p>
<p>Communication</p>	<p>Email to Members Suggested 4 items – NWRR, Local Planning and Housing, Green Guide, HS2 Petition.</p>	<p>FO</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Liaison between SFoE and Shrewsbury Hydro is ongoing. Land use has been agreed, 2 tenders received and being studied, Upfront finance secured.</p>	
<p>Dates Next Meeting</p>	<p>Monday 6th March 2017 7.30pm The Lion Hotel</p>	