

## Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting**  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 7.30pm Lion Hotel**

### Notes

<b>Present</b>	Barbara Phillips, Sheila Jones, Judy Coleridge, Sue Fisher, Tony Green, Frank Oldaker	
<b>Apologies</b>	Mike Richardson, Philip Pool	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Notes of business meeting 4.4.16</b>	Agreed	
<b>Matters arising from business meeting held on 4.4.16</b>	<p><b>Earthmover Award</b> – Chris Crean has done submission nominating Frack Free Duddelston</p> <p><b>Natural Environment Supplementary Planning Document</b> – Tony has gone through the document and doesn't feel any comment necessary so unnecessary to liaise with SWLT. Philip may have gone to a briefing by The Chief Planning Officer – If so he will report at next meeting.</p> <p><b>Car Club Membership</b> – Sue has sent letter to The Chronicle to advertise the fact that members of the Car Club can use cars of other Clubs.</p> <p><b>John Vidal Talk</b> – Was a great success and comments received have all been very positive. John himself also felt the same. Donations total was £240. It was agreed that thanks were due to the organising group of Judy, Sue and Philip (and Mike for his IT help) whose efforts made the event so successful. Sue has gone through the info that people gave about how they travelled and that is attached as an appendix.</p>	PP
<b>Local Campaigns/ Projects/Issues</b>	<p><b>Green Guide</b> Updating of sections still required and sub-group need others who originally drafted sections to look at those again. Sub-Group is updating as they learn of changes. Sub group hasn't met for a while. Judy proposed a serious look at continuing with The Green Guide in a year's time when renewal charges will occur.</p> <p><b>Town Centre Traffic</b> We have lobbied Councillors and the Chief Executive hard but all responses have obviously been written by Matt Johnston and there is no indication that the proposals will be seriously reviewed. Have learned that the LEP carry out an independent assessment but don't know the extent of this so we will ask the LEP to tell us.</p> <p><b>Rea Brook litter</b> Sheila reported that Asda and the BP Garage at Meole have still to clear their areas. River levels have now fallen so Asda should do their clearing soon. The ownership of the land at the BP Garage isn't clear so she will investigate and responsibility for the recycling area at Asda is also not yet clarified. The area behind the shops at Whitecroft road has been done. Press release has been drafted and Judy and Sheila will finalise and circulate to the group before issue. Judy suggested it would be useful to have a map showing the extent of the areas dealt with and will ask if SWLT can assist with preparation. A monitoring group is still to be formed and it was suggested Ben Waddams might be asked to join.</p> <p><b>Climate Change Action</b> Jo Blackman wants to pursue disinvestment in fossil fuels as an issue and is proposing arranging a meeting.</p> <p><b>GSX Conference</b> Tony elected as Chair. More members needed on The Board. Miriam, who is employed to provide admin support, is moving away from Shrewsbury but possible replacement found. The speakers together gave a comprehensive account of where the renewable energy industry finds itself nationally, with details also of local projects including dealing with fuel poverty and with a look at the future. It was a successful day but feeling was that narrowing the agenda to "energy" resulted in a lower attendance.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>BP FO</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ JC</p> <p>JC</p> <p>SF MR</p>

	<p><b>Planning Issues</b> The Lidl application has proved to be contentious. Not clear whether objections on the basis that there is a covenant to provide for sports and leisure will get anywhere. Sue will continue to follow up.</p>	SF
<b>National FoE</b>	<p><b>National campaigns</b></p> <p><b>Bee Campaign</b></p> <p>SWLT want to buy two wildflower meadows and are fundraising. Agreed to make a donation of £100. More information on neonics is coming out all the time so although the EU won't decide on whether there should be a long term ban until next year the amount of evidence is increasing. We may wish to pick up the campaign later on depending on the actions of the vested interests. FoE are pushing The Great British Bee Count but we decided not to take part as we have no event to distribute the charts etc. Other organisations are active and we support their work.</p> <p><b>Fracking</b></p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> May is a national day of action celebrating 5 frack free years. Although Shropshire is not affected the threats are real elsewhere.</p> <p><b>Air Pollution</b></p> <p>We expect information on this campaign.</p>	All FO
<b>Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The email to members this time will cover:- Other organisations action on protecting bees, the wildflower meadow appeal, John Vidal's film "A River Rising" wins a Webby!! and The Rea Valley Litter Clean Up.</li> </ul>	
<b>AOB</b>	Tony reported a Facebook Posting from "Shrewsbury Cooperative Group" with very little info. Seem to be a vegan group.	
<b>Dates</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May 5-00pm – 7-00pm Cycling, Walking and Buses Forum.</b>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 - 7-30pm at The Lion Hotel</b>	

### Appendix

## Detail of travel arrangements made by those attending John Vidal Talk on 7 April 2016

Miles	Bike	Foot	car	Passenger	Bus
< 1	2	28	10	7	Not known
< 2	0	4	12	8	
<3	2	2	6	3	
<4	0	0	5	3	
<5	3	0	2	1	
<10	0	0	6	6	

<15	0	0	7	6	
<20	0	0	2	3	
<25	0	0	2	0	
<30	0	0	2	1	
Total	7	34	54	38	plus 1

Grand Total 134

Plus organisers and speakers

Put together by Sue Fisher

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