

## Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting**  
**Monday 4 September 7.30pm Lion Hotel**

### Notes

<b>Present</b>	Tony Green, Frank Oldaker, Sheila Jones, Sue Fisher, Barbara Phillips	
<b>Apologies</b>	Judy Coleridge, Philip Pool, Mike Richardson	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<b>Notes of business meeting 7.8.17- Agreed</b>	
<b>Matters arising</b>	Barbara went with Mike Willcott to see Clare Fildes re Expression of Interest in cycling/walking infrastructure money. Seemed to go well. Barbara to email Mike re whether he's heard anything further.	BP
<b>Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues</b>	<p><b>BID consultation on Big Town Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BID is holding a consultation on its BTP some time in October. Barbara has emailed CEO Seb Slater to find out the dates but no reply. We should give an SFoE response and also responses from individuals. Barbara will telephone BID and circulate dates if possible.. Also ask BID to liaise with Frank – give them his email. Tony will keep a watch on their website.</li> </ul> <p><b>Transport and air quality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air quality. Mike got a reply from the DfT confirming that Shrewsbury is not on the list of problem areas, so they are not chasing SC. Mike sent a long and technical email to Steve Davenport, portfolio holder for transport on SC. Don't know if he's received a reply.</li> <li>John Whitelegg's 20mph conference. Tony is going for GSX and will also represent SFoE. Peter Gilbert is going for STS. John has estimated the cost at £650 and has raised some of this. GSX has promised £200. Agreed that SFoE will give £100. Tony to organise.</li> </ul> <p><b>North West Relief Road and Oxon Link Road</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dave Green has offered to lead on the response. Frank will work with him. Dave sent an email with ideas which the meeting discussed. Barbara to email him asap to accept his offer of leading and to report our discussion. Agreed that we should give him permission to spend money. Tony to liaise with him</li> </ul> <p><b>Rea Brook clean-up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sheila and Frank are due to meet the Asda contractor tomorrow, who has been told to sort out the issues. Sheila is optimistic. The Meole Brace garage rubbish has been cleared. It was decided that we should have a walk along the Brook for SFoE members some time in October. Sheila to contact Judy and organise a time and circulate details.</li> </ul> <p><b>GSX</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conference on 14 October. Details out in mid Sept.</li> <li>A trustee is wanted for the Board of the Voluntary Community Sector Assembly. Tony thinks it's unlikely to interest an SFoE member as the issues are largely relating to health and social care.</li> </ul> <p><b>Green Guide</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The co-ordinating group met. Discussion included whether to continue to input info. onto the site. It was decided to continue for the present and reconsider the situation next year when the website is up for renewal. The hesitation is because of not really knowing how many hits the site is getting, how many are from the administrators as distinct from members of the public.</li> <li>The most recent top tip is about plastic water bottles: try to use your own; if you have to buy, try to buy from as local a source as possible.</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning Issues</b></p>	<p>BP FO TG</p> <p>MR</p> <p>TG</p> <p>FO BP TG</p> <p>SJ FO</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Philip submitted a comment about the Riverside Health Centre under the name of STS. He particularly talked about their plan to have the whole of the ground floor as a car park.</li> <li>SC has now passed plans for the Dana prison and for Copthorne Barracks.</li> <li>Frank will keep as eye on planning while Philip is away.</li> </ul> <p><b>Membership:</b> No specific issues.</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Matter arising from July meeting: Philip to ask Jane whether she might take on the role.</i> Notes of last meeting not quite accurate. Philip had not at that time reported that he'd asked Jane. Tony is happy to discuss it with her if she expresses any interest. Barbara will email Philip</li> </ul> <p><b>AGM speaker.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judy has suggested Dr David Gibbon, Agricultural and Rural Livelihood Systems who used to work for the RSPB. Lives in Church Stretton. We are unsure about this as he is a total unknown. Frank will speak to Judy to explore how she got his name and will make some discreet enquiries but will not actually approach him unless we are sure that he would be interesting.</li> <li>Possible dates are Ties 28 Nov and Thurs 30 Nov.</li> </ul>	FO  PP BP  FO
<b>NationalFoE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bee campaign continuing</li> </ul>	
<b>Communication</b>	<p><b>4 points Members' email</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One has recently been circulated. So we won't do one this month</li> </ul> <p><b>Printed newsletter:</b> Still under consideration – in size and format so it that can be conveniently put out at places around the town? Think about this at our next meeting. We could probably release one about the NWRR.</p>	FO,JC
<b>AOB</b>		
<b>Dates</b>	<p><b>16th September</b> 10-00- Electric Vehicles in the Coop car park in Church Stretton</p> <p><b>16th September</b> 11-00 onwards - Merefest in Ellesmere</p> <p><b>23rd September</b> - Michaelmas Fair in Bishops Castle. Frank is going to help with the Bee Stall.</p> <p><b>30th September</b> 13:00 – 17:00 20mph Conference in Shrewsbury. Theatre Severn</p> <p><b>14 October</b> GSX Conference 9.30 – 1.00. Shrewsbury Wildlife Centre</p>	
<b>Next SFoE meeting</b>	<b>Monday 2 October 2017 at Lion Hotel 7.30pm</b>	