



## Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013 7.30pm Marches Energy Agency**

### Notes

<b>Present</b>	Barbara Phillips, Judy Coleridge, Sue Fisher, Sophie Kennedy, Philip Pool, Mike Richardson, Tony Green, Frank Oldaker	
<b>Apologies</b>		
<b>b</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
Notes of meeting on 4.11.2013	<p><b><u>Correction-</u></b> Apologies had been received from Judy Coleridge and Jenna Blair.</p> <p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>            Checking email listings... Meeting was held at Sue's and agreed entries be included under "Group Headings". Also on our regular emails we will include a prompt saying "If you do not wish to receive our regular emails please let us know" There are 180 entries on the email list.</p> <p>Christmas Drinks... Frank still to do letter inviting Manager and Electricians at Home Essentials.</p>	<p>SF</p> <p>FO</p>
Local Campaigns/projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>GSX</u></b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Update on Big Green Gathering:</u></b>            Attendees thought it was an excellent event, well organised with interesting speakers. Presentations on Transport, Incredible Edible Shropshire, Share Energy, MEA-Home Energy and a Plenary Session on the way forward for GSX</p> <p>MEA are looking for clients for the Home Energy service and it was felt we may be able to suggest potential customers. ( The Government announced changes to the scheme today with further details in the Autumn Statement on Thursday so it may be less attractive when these come into force)</p> <p><b><u>Report on the Plenary Session</u></b>            _____ Barbara has written a detailed report on this.. There were differing views on .....how to make GSX more effective.</p> <p><b><u>How Do We See GSX Increasing Its Effectiveness</u></b>            _____ Frank had circulated some ideas and asked for more. At the Steering Group .....Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November this subject was discussed and contributions from .....Steering Group members are required by 13<sup>th</sup> December. Frank will submit our .....views. Felt by the meeting that unless GSX does become an organisation that .....is more effective and helpful to our objectives in the near future then further .....efforts are not worthwhile.</p> <p>.....<b><u>Feedback on Steering Group Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November</u></b>            .....Frank had attended as substitute for Denise. It was clear that the members of .....the Group had very limited time to spend on GSX work. A new treasurer will be .....needed, a publicity officer is required, fundraising for after June 2014 is .....necessary but these are unresolved issues because no one can take on the .....work. Travel to meetings is also a problem in a large county and .....teleconferencing, video conferencing and Skype are to be investigated as a .....means of holding meetings. Other matters discussed were on issues relevant .....to the admin of GSX and how Policy Statements might be produced.</p> <p>.....<b><u>Green Guide</u></b>  <b><u>Updating</u></b>            _____ Mike has prepared a spreadsheet of all entries in the Green Guide and in the .....New Year the GG sub group of Judy, Mike and Sue will email all these to obtain</p>	<p>All</p> <p>ALL FO</p> <p>JC</p>

	<p>.....any update information. There are over 500 entries and appreciation was expressed by others present at the work being done to keep the GG up to date and relevant.</p> <p>.....<u>Continuing Publicity</u></p> <p>.....Point was made that as a resource the GG is especially helpful to libraries in their role as disseminators of information. Therefore felt that they might give prominence to publicity advertising it. Sue has a contact in the Library Service and will discuss.</p> <p>.....When more flyers are required they can easily be produced at an acceptable cost</p> <p>.....When updating is complete we will consider the viability of a display in one of the empty shops in the shopping centres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Recycling-- arrangements at events—Flower Show/ Folk Festival.</u></li> <li>• A very successful meeting was held with Sandra and Alan Surtees re waste at The Folk Festival. They will now liase with Cwm Harry who are keen to take on more Events.</li> </ul> <p>There has been no response from The Shrewsbury Flower Show and Frank will pursue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Planning—How can we make commenting and input to consultations more effective.</u></li> <li>• To be discussed in the new year.</li> </ul> <p><u>Walks and Talks</u></p> <p>Suggestions made for 2014 and actions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Visit to green waste processing centre in April- Arrange</li> <li>-- Stall in The Square – 10<sup>th</sup> May -Arrange</li> <li>-- Possible talk on “Zero Carbon” at AGM?-Further consideration</li> <li>-- Visit to Cwm Harry and Presteign – Further consideration</li> <li>-- Visit to Duratrust Plant (Process “black bag” waste into building materials)- ....check possibility</li> </ul>	<p>SF MR</p> <p>SF</p> <p>FO</p> <p>JC/PP JC</p> <p>FO</p>
<p>Communications issues</p>	<p>Barbara took part in a telephone conference arranged by FoE. It is clear that National FoE are concerned about lack of communication with Local Groups. Various subjects/campaigns were covered in the 2 hours and she related what we were doing. Also covered how National FoE could better support Local Groups. There was nothing on “Make It Better” but “Sunny Schools” campaign was discussed and Incinerators. Felt that for the next conference more of us should take part.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>Diary</p>	<p>11 December: FoE Christmas drinks. The Three Fishes, Fish Street (Emma Bullard to be invited)</p>	<p>PP</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p><u>Ironbridge Power Station-biofuel source issue</u></p> <p>Frank will contact Chris Burn at The Shropshire Star to see if an article on renewable energy production in Shropshire might be of interest to coincide with the planning decision on Conover Solar Farm on 5<sup>th</sup> December. If so we can include the matter of biofuel sourcing.</p> <p><u>20 is Plenty campaign</u></p> <p>We have been asked whether we are campaigning on this. Agreed we support it as a wider campaign to make streets fit for people but are not able to be active ourselves. Barbara will reply to Miles Kenny.</p>	<p>FO</p> <p>BP</p>
<p>Future dates of business meetings</p>	<p>Next business meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 - 7.30pm: Marches Energy Agency</p>	

