

## Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting**  
**Monday 11 May 2015 7.30pm Lion Hotel**

### Notes of the Meeting

<b>Present</b>	Barbara Phillips, Judy Coleridge, Becky Crothall, Frank Oldaker, Sue Fisher, Mike Richardson, Philip Pool, Tony Green	
<b>Apologies</b>	Denise Thompson	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Matters arising &amp; outstanding from meeting held on 16 March 2015</b>	<p>Outstanding items from that meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effect on businesses of traffic reduction in St Julian Friars is worth investigating to hopefully support our case re High Street. Becky will speak to them.</li> <li>• We have not sent out regular email updates to members/contacts each month. Decided that at end of every business meeting we would agree 4 points to put into an email. This will go to members only unless there is info about a campaign or some issue of wider interest when it will also be sent to our wider contact list.</li> <li>• Agreed newsletters are necessary. Apart from information provided they remind members to renew. Barbara will do next one in May. Everyone submit items to Barbara by Sunday coming.</li> <li>• Website was looked at live and detailed discussion ensued. Many changes were agreed which Mike recorded and has implemented. But he has not got updates of all the sections. Still to be sent to Mike are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bees - Frank</li> <li>○ Planning - Frank</li> <li>○ GSX - Barbara</li> <li>○ Traffic - Barbara</li> <li>○ Ironbridge Power Station - Frank</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Tony has written a report on the Regional Meeting in Birmingham that he attended. He will put it on Google drive so we can all view it. There were talks re food, the Soil Assoc and housing. GSX has spent its funding; has received a grant for another year. They need people to join the committee.</li> </ul> <p>Matter arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tony set up and staffed a stall at GSX conference.</li> </ul>	<p>BC</p> <p>FO, BP</p> <p>BP, All</p> <p>FO FO BP BP FO</p> <p>TG</p>
<b>Local Campaigns/ Projects/Issues</b>	<p><b>Town Centre Traffic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supreme Court has ordered that the Govt formulate an action plan on air quality by the end of 2015.</li> <li>○ Mike contacted Matthew Clark by email and phone re SC's action plan, but had no response. He will try again.</li> <li>○ There seems to be no movement on discussions regarding town centre traffic. A meeting of the Severn Loop Forum on 20 May will be considering the issue. Barbara circulate the details and Andrew Bannerman's email.</li> <li>○ The Hive is showing the film Bikes v Cars at 8pm on 10 June, all profits to the Justice for Michael Mason campaign. We ought to be campaigning for "no fault" for cyclists involved in accidents. Ask CTC whether that's happening.</li> </ul> <p><b>Flower Show</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Shrewsbury Flower Show chose "Climate Change" as the theme for the Our Future Marquee. Becky, Frank &amp; Tony have been meeting to plan. Barbara and Sue will also be available to staff the stall – 14 &amp; 15 August.</li> <li>• Tony write to Daniel Kawczynski asking him to attend our stall if he's at the Flower</li> </ul>	<p>MR</p> <p>BP</p> <p>BP</p>

	<p>Show.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will be mass lobby of MPs in Parliament on 17 June organised by the Coalition on Climate Change</li> </ul> <p><b>Coal bed methane</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waiting for news</li> </ul> <p><b>Rea Brook litter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judy will contact Asda again.</li> </ul> <p><b>SCRN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No movement. Judy will ask Katie Anderson if she knows anything</li> </ul> <p><b>University College Shrewsbury</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting about the Students' Union. Frank and Barbara attend.</li> </ul> <p><b>AGM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woodlands talk as suggested by GSX? Not enthusiastic. Dave Green re pioneer projects across Europe? Film?</li> </ul> <p><b>New membership form and subscriptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Becky has drafted a good flyer. She will put it on Google drive so that everyone can comment.</li> <li>Becky is continuing to remind people who haven't renewed their membership.</li> </ul> <p><b>GG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike will suggest updates for flyer and put them on Google drive for comment.</li> </ul>	<p>TG</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC</p> <p>FO, BP</p> <p>BC, All</p> <p>MR, All</p>
<b>National FoE</b>	<p><b>Basecamp.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Becky sponsored to go. She will check out the cost and liaise with Frank and Tony.</li> </ul> <p><b>Campaigns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bees and climate change are the ones we are involved in. We don't have to formally sign up.</li> </ul>	BC
<b>AOB</b>	<p><b>Hydro Scheme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tony has submitted a comment to Planning Dept supporting the scheme</li> </ul>	
<b>Dates</b>	<p><b>6 June:</b> Vegan Fair at SWLT. We won't do stall.</p> <p><b>9 June:</b> GSX talk in Wellington by Richard Priestley on renewables</p>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>8 June 2015 7.30 The Lion Hotel</b>	