

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting
Monday 16 March 2015 7.30pm MEA

Notes of the Meeting

Present	Barbara Phillips, Judy Coleridge, Becky Crothall, Frank Oldaker, Sue Fisher, Mike Richardson, Philip Pool, Tony Green	
Apologies	Denise Thompson	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Any urgent business that can't wait	Nothing raised	
Review of decisions taken 26.8.14	<p>Notes of the meeting had been circulated.</p> <p>-- In August we were looking for a Membership Secretary and then Becky volunteered to take on the job. Grateful thanks to Becky were again expressed.</p> <p>-- We had decided our campaigning should look for opportunities where there was maximum effect for minimum effort. However, it was agreed we need to keep ourselves and our activities in the public eye so opportunities for press releases and letters to the press to be taken up when they arise.. John Whitelegg talk went well and FoE involvement re CBM borehole at Dudleston has also been a success. Approaching senior people re traffic in Shrewsbury has proved difficult. 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.</p> <p>-- We had said we would not run stalls unless supporting our campaigning approach above. The Shrewsbury Flower Show chose "Climate Change" as the theme for the Our Future Marquee so we felt that we had to have a stand there. Only other will be for the GSX conference at SWLT in April. Tony will arrange.</p> <p>-- 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.</p> <p>-- Agreed newsletters are necessary. Apart from information provided they remind members to renew. Barbara will do next one in May.</p> <p>-- Website was looked at live and detailed discussion ensued. Many changes were agreed which Mike recorded and will implement. Updates of the sections on various subjects are to be drafted and sent to Mike for uploading to the website.</p> <p>Fracking - Tony Bees - Frank Planning - Frank GSX - Barbara Traffic - Barbara Ironbridge Power Station - Frank</p> <p>--To record the detail of changes to be made Barbara made the notes below which may not be fully comprehensive but are included to be read with those taken by Mike.</p> <hr/> <p>Notes about changes agreed to the website (in no particular order!) And I don't think I noted all the agreed changes... B</p> <p>Home page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strap line "We are a pressure group..." at the top. Add an invitation to join, 	<p>BC</p> <p>FO AG BC</p> <p>AG</p> <p>BP</p> <p>MR</p> <p>AG FO BP</p>

	<p>something like “We always welcome new members, whether you wish to be active in our campaigns or to simply to receive our regular news bulletins”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under that: links to GG, Facebk, M/ship form, Search, all in a line • Under that: beautiful picture of countryside or something – generic picture • To right: “Latest news” with photo. This can be local or national. Update every 2 months <p>News and Campaigns page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several sections need updating – (actions allocated above)...F <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ironbridge – Frank ○ Fracking – Tony ○ Bees – Frank ○ Planning & Dev – Frank ○ GSX – Barbara ○ Traffic – Barbara <p>Meetings page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change “Business meetings” to “Meetings” • Insert “We meet on the first Monday of the month, with some exceptions. Please ring or email the co-ordinator for more information” • Take out ref to Pump Hse. • Put on the notes of the AGM 2013/14 Barbara send to Mike <p>Events page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include GSX events. • If we choose to have a section called “past events”, it can be hyperlinked to News and campaigns page <p>Climate change & fracking page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a separate page – put on News and Campaigns page <p>Contacts page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take Dave Green off <p>Recycling page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judy will send a cardboard Xmas photo to Mike <p>Links page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take off TT, Fairtrade and “business going green” <p>=====</p> <p>- Facebook, that Tony is managing, is great for immediate dissemination of news etc. With website and Facebook people will be able to find out what SFoE is doing/ has done and to get other information.</p> <p>-- Becky raised issue of Twitter and whether we should use this too. Agreed not at the moment as commitment to keep it going and interesting is considerable.</p>	
<p>Further discussion about the year ahead.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodlands talk, as suggested by GSX- We aren’t campaigning on this at present. Still no detail from GSX so await this before deciding our level of involvement. • National campaigns: Tony will circulate a report on the Regional Meeting in Birmingham that he attended. FoE are considering what campaigns should be taken up next and the move is to more emphasis on the effects on people not just “the environment”. • Earthmovers Award, Judy and Dave Green have been awarded one in past years. Decided no nomination this year. • Fundraising – Agreed the Group should discuss in 6 months time • Talk – Dave Green willing to give a talk on his EU sponsored work. Possibly for the AGM?? • We will review our “operational methods” again in 6 months time. 	<p>AG</p>
<p>Dates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 26th March 2015. Wellington Library, Civic and Leisure Centre, Telford TF1 1LX. 7.15 for 7.30 pm start. From 'The Fossil-Fuel Age' to 'The Solar Age'. 	

	<p>The first in a series of 2015 county-wide talks co-ordinated by Green Shropshire Xchange sponsored by: Newport 21, Sustainable Bridgnorth & Transition Town Telford.</p> <p>Talk and discussion with Richard Priestley: exploring the possibilities, as humanity changes how it produces and uses the energy it needs. Innovation in renewable energy technology is opening up new opportunities both globally and locally. www.richardpriestley.co.uk. Richard Priestley is a knowledgeable and inspiring speaker who has travelled widely in search of new energy initiatives.</p> <p>Refreshments available, donations towards costs appreciated.</p> <p>(NOTE This meeting was later cancelled due to illness but intention is to reschedule for April or May)</p> <p>April 18th TTIP action (Not being involved as SFoE but individually members may wish to do so.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 25th GSX Conference. Food and Farming. Sustainable Housing. Shropshire Wildlife Trust 	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>11 May 2015 7.30 The Lion Hotel</p>	