

## Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2014 7.30pm Marches Energy Agency**

### Notes

<b>Present</b>	Philip Pool, Tony Green, Judy Coleridge, Mike Richardson, Frank Oldaker, Sue Fisher, Barbara Phillips	
<b>Apologies</b>		
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Notes of meeting on 6.1.14</b>	Agreed.	
<b>Matters arising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase membership. Tony suggested we might show a film &amp; have a social in Hobbs room with tea &amp; coffee. . Would be for people to find out what SFoE does, no pressure to join. Could focus on a particular campaign. Agreed to bear this in mind.</li> <li>• SCRL Jenna is still with the organisation</li> <li>• Barbara emailed Miles Kenny saying we support the principle of the “20 is Plenty” campaign re traffic speed.</li> </ul>	
<b>Finance</b>	Tony is waiting to hear from the Co-op about changing signatures on our account.	TG
<b>Local Campaigns/projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MEA home insulation</b> locally. Mike has got no response from MEA. We will abandon this.</li> <li>• <b>GSX</b>. Frank’s paper was accepted. The first step is to recruit more members. Rosie Lawrence has been appointed in Jenna’s place and she has sent an email round to all groups. Denise will be back on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb and Frank will hand the representation of SFoE back to her.</li> <li>• <b>NWWR and A5</b> letter was printed in the Shropshire Star. Frank will circulate the letter to all business group members</li> <li>• <b>Planning</b>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philip submitted a statement about Pengrove.</li> <li>• The silver birch at St.George’s Church, Frankwell is subject to a tree preservation order analysis. There is talk of setting up a tree warden group in Philip’s neighbourhood, which will also undertake tree planting.</li> <li>• Frank did a press release welcoming the Conover solar development and commenting again on Ironbridge power station. It was not printed. 2 wind turbines are now proposed for Conover. The community wind turbine near Bridgnorth has been approved. 2 at Ellesmere have also been approved.</li> <li>• We have had an email from Mike Street suggesting a public meeting to push for a Shrewsbury green belt. Discussion. Agreed we say that we will attend a public meeting if he calls one. Barbara email him.</li> <li>• Philip is drafting a paper about planning and how we should be addressing issues. He feels we should target our energies on particular developments rather than wider issues. Most planning decisions are now being delegated to officers. Maybe we could set up a joint body with CPRE, S Town Residents, SWT etc to make representations to SC. Philip will find out what other groups are doing and what approach they take. Tony might be able to contribute.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Recycling at Shrewsbury events</b>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cwm Harry are putting in a bid to service Shrewsbury Folk Festival. The site manager of the Flower Show wants to meet us. The Flower Show has a contract with PG Skips from Wem for this year. We should have a</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	 FO FO  BP  PP, TG  FO, JC,PP

	<p>planning meeting before we meet him.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wasteless Society in Bishop's Castle now disbanding. Judy write to congratulate them on all their successes.</li> <li><b>GG.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>135 emails all sent out to people who are on the site. 27 replies so far.</li> <li>We need new leaflets or similar. Everyone think of an idea for next meeting</li> <li>Criteria for entry on the site. Leave this issue for now. If it becomes a problem, we can reconsider.</li> <li>Proposal that we nominate Judy for the Shropshire Star award as an environmental champion. Barbara and Frank to submit.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Incinerator.</b> Frank is in email contact with Michael Ryan who has put in a FoI request asking SC to confirm that there will be no damaging effects on residents from the incinerator. The Public Health England report on incinerator pollution has been delayed for a year. Frank write a letter to the Star.</li> <li><b>Traffic.</b> Barbara send round to everyone the paper she's written re town centre traffic/small businesses.</li> </ul>	JC ALL BP, FO FO BP
<b>Communications issues</b>	Newsletter is due. Decided to delay as not much to add to the regular emails that Sue's been sending out.	
<b>National Campaigns</b>	<p><b>Make It Better</b> – UK wants to keep a weak law so campaign will continue. We are signed up as a Local Group for this campaign.</p> <p><b>Bees</b> – Draft Pollinator Plan being drafted. Campaign to make this effective will continue.</p> <p><b>Sunny Schools</b> – Campaign arrangements still to be decided.</p>	
<b>Walks and Talks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit to Mark Gethin's farm April 6th 2014, Sunday, 2pm. SOGs will send about 15 people. No response to Sue's email out to our wider email list. Judy will ask TTS to put it on their website and ask a few people from TTS if they can email out to their members.</li> <li>Duratrust. Nothing on King's Lynn's website. Frank will ring Duratrust &amp; also discuss possibility of a visit.</li> <li>Think about a film for the autumn</li> <li>Talk in the autumn on Zero Carbon</li> </ul>	JC FO FO TG
<b>Diary</b>	Zero Waste conference. Birmingham 1 <sup>st</sup> March. Judy might go FoE regional meeting 8 <sup>th</sup> March Barbara to go.	JC BP
<b>AOB</b>		
<b>Future dates of business meetings</b>	<b>Next business meeting: March 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm: Marches Energy Agency</b>	