

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting
Monday 12 August 2013 7.30pm Marches Energy Agency**

Notes

Present	Barbara Phillips, Liz Evans, Judy Coleridge, Mike Richardson, Sue Fisher, Frank Oldaker	
Apologies	Denise Thompson, Jenna Blair, Philip Pool	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
	Liz was welcomed to the meeting. An account and discussion of SFoE activities and her interests followed.	
Notes of meeting on 1.7.13	Accepted	
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website payments – The company 1&1 supplies our domain name and website. They are making a charge for a website construction package which we have not used nor do we need. They claim “someone” has agreed to this and the cost is £75 per 3 months. The contract is for a year. Mike is following up to find out what happened and see if they will cancel. 	MR
Local Campaigns/projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Take up in Shrewsbury has been very poor. Denise has asked if theGroup can help promote it. Agreed we contact Emma Bullard and see whatpublicity has been done. Eg We could do a one off leaflet drop in the RiverLoop if not done already. • GSX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We asked that GSX have a procedure for issuing public statements on environmental issues. Members are being consulted on a draft that has been produced. The difficult issue is what level of support should trigger the issue of a proposed statement. After discussion the meeting felt that 50% of members must have responded and 75% of those must be in favour. Those that don't respond shall be deemed to agree--(The situation with Council Consultations, Planning Applications etc.)—Other members will be putting their views. ○ Steering Group membership- more members are wanted. As Denise represents SFoE it is felt that, for balance, people from other organisations are needed. • AGM/Big Green Shropshire Gathering is on 9th Nov. Ideas for a theme arewanted. Bring suggestions to next meeting • SCRL • <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Judy not representing SCRL on GSX. Jenna will be coordinating. Fundinghas been lost and there may be fewer members. Next meeting is 18th Sept.Judy will ask what materials the new vehicles are going to collect. • Bric-a-brac stall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agreed we will hold in October in The Square. Judy will book • Green Guide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Competition prizes distributed. ○ The list of locations for leaflet drops will be held in the “cloud” onGoogledrive. Everyone needs to sign up for a Google email address to be 	<p>FO</p> <p>All</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>able to use this. Mike will set up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The links to other websites are working o Web Orchard have been paid. 	MR
Communications issues	<p>Emailing lists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sue has lists and will circulate for checking – Mike to assist 	SF MR
National Campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FoE volunteer organisers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o We will be happy to work with an “Organiser” but no one in the Group feltthey have the time to offer to take on the role. 	
Diary	9 November----- Big Green Shropshire Gathering	
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Future dates of business meetings	Next business meeting: 2nd September 7.30pm: Marches Energy Agency	