

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Notes of Business Meeting Monday 4 February 2013 7.30pm Marches Energy Agency

Present	Barbara Phillips, Judy Coleridge, Mike Richardson, Philip Pool, Frank Oldaker, Jon Haycox, Sue Fisher	
Apologies		
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
	The newsletter had been compiled and printed by Jon and was collated and prepared for issue. Jon to send email copies	JH
Notes of meeting on 7.1.13	Attendees- clarified that it is only Ian Gregson who is unable to attend future meetings	
Matters arising	Frank has amended The Constitution-- as agreed at the AGM – To be copied to committee. Cheque payment for Web Orchard – Ok can be done	FO JC
Local Campaigns/projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Guide – Judy is working on sections prepared for – recycling, countryside, baby, energy, food and farming and is liaising with Web Orchard. Discussed how to deal with updating in the future and decided each person compiling a section should draw up list of email addresses for entries and then a mass email out asking for updates/revisions can be made periodically. Mike emphasised that we need to get maximum publicity out of the Launch Event • Cardboard collection – Jon will research what other Councils are doing. • Walks and Talks – SOGS almost certainly going to Lower Wallop so we will have a joint visit. Potato Days – hiccup on communication but Sue will do Group email. Possibility interesting ecohouse in Greenfields- Philip will investigate • Planning: hedgerows at Chirbury- Farmer withdrew application but need to watch. Still feel need to raise issue of how SC advertise and consult on planning applications and other matters.. Eg Don't see that listing in the Shropshire Star would be that costly! Barbara asked how GSX could be used but Denise didn't know. Need to draw up an email list so we can email alerts to other organisations re planning and other issues. • Town centre traffic/air quality – A meeting of the sub group to be arranged • GSX – Not much use being made of the site. Denise embarrassed that SFOE not got a case study on the website. As we do “campaigns” rather than “projects” we are limited but agreed Green Guide is suitable. Barbara to progress. 	JC All JH SF PP FO,BP,PP BP,FO BP
Communications issues	Website: Mike needs items, news, photos fed to him to keep the website relevant and up to date. Facebook – Not started using but Mike will begin and try to attract friends.	ALL MR
National Campaigns	Make It Better campaign – Frank has sent in comments on campaign to date and questions to Tim Atkinson. Also has emailed contact at Shrewsbury School re the students taking part and through a contact at Shrewsbury High School Barbara believes involvement of students there may be possible. Bee Campaign -- As part of the Darwin Festival the film “The Vanishing of the Bees” is at The Hive on 22 nd Feb. Frank has contacted them and will do a stall.	FO

Diary	Potato Days -- SOGS 9 th Feb Montford Parish Hall SWLT 23 rd Feb Visitor Centre – Abbey Foregate 22 Feb --- Screening of “The Vanishing of the Bees” 2.30 at the Hive 1 June --- SFoE stall in Market Square	
AOB	<p>Motions to National FoE We have received papers with info on submission of motions this year. In view of the hedgerow planning application at Chirbury suggested we campaign for better legal protection nationally. Also consider whether one about revamping the website be considered – it is very difficult to use and to find everything relevant to the subject one is interested in, as there are bits of info in different areas.</p> <p>Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Waste Contract Council are progressing well towards a contract for processing “Black Bag Waste” that will cost half as much annually as incineration. Independent assessment of the Duratrust process has been carried out and report is positive. Now intend a larger demonstration plant be installed and looking for a suitable site in their area.</p>	BP,FO
Future dates of business meetings	Next business meeting: Monday 4 March 2013 7.30pm: Marches Energy Agency	

After the meeting we adjourned to “The Woodman” to say “farewell” to Jon Haycox (who is soon going off travelling) and enjoy a cake Barbara had baked to say “THANKS” to him. (See website).

Attachment:

Constitution of Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth (as amended at 2012 AGM)