

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting: 1 October 2012: 7.30pm: Marches Energy Agency

Notes

Present	Sue Fisher, Jon Haycox, Frank Oldaker, Philip Pool, Barbara Phillips	
Apologies	Denise Thompson, Dave Green, Judy Coleridge, Judith Rice, John Rice, Mike Richardson, Ian Gregson	
	Packed newsletters	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of meeting on 3.9.12	Accepted	
Update on Action/ News since last meeting	<p>Quick update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSX has sent out a newsletter and is continuing to build its website. They have completed the constitution and the objectives. There will be elections to the steering group in the new year. • Green Guide website. It was clear in a meeting with Web Orchard that they were not aware of the scale of the website to be built. They have been told about our preferences for the style of website, have been given the brief again and will come back with some sample layouts. We are also expecting a mobile app from them. 	
Local Campaigns	Incinerator. Pursuing the judicial review. Mark has compiled a 'bundle' of evidence which he's sent to a specialist solicitor for advice who in turn has approached a barrister who is the leading UK environmental specialist. We are proposing that Dave and Mark meet the barrister at his chambers in Cambridge to explain the case.	
Communications issues	<p>Supporters and members We had a discussion about increasing the number of people who we are in communication with, even if they're not members. There was concern that members will expect to receive something more than what is given/sent to other interested people We have a list of people and groups on G-mail which was set up for our anniversary party in 2011. It was proposed that we might send them an email saying "We'd like to send you occasional updates. Please let us know if you want to receive these". This proposal was not agreed or rejected. Agreed that we would collect the names of interested people at the stall on Saturday in the Market Square. We will consider at the next meeting who to have on an emailing list and how to convert people to "supporters".</p> <p>Methods for members to pay membership. Agreed we would ask Mike about setting up a Paypal system on the website. This would be useful for donations and campaigns as well as for membership</p> <p>Cost of membership. Agreed to leave it as it is: £8 for one year and 3-year membership for £22. Unwaged is £6 for one year. Did we agree £18 for 3 years?</p> <p>Facebook. Jon has not been able to attend to this for quite a while. He will look at it and see what it's like.</p> <p>Twitter. We will not continue with Twitter.</p>	<p>BP</p> <p>JH</p>
National Campaigns	<p>SFoE stall 6 October. Sue, Barbara, Frank and Judy will set up. Jon and Philip will come midday. Email Denise and Ian and ask if they can come too.</p> <p>Bee Campaign. This will be the main issue for the stall.</p>	BP

<p>AGM</p>	<p>Barbara and Frank will present a summary of the year. Agendas/notes of last year's AGM will go out on the night Sue will bring tea/coffee to have between the AGM and Dave's presentation Frank has made A4 and A5 posters about Dave's presentation. We will use Judy's distribution list and in addition Frank will send the publicity to businesses. Frank contact Judy about her list. Constitution –. There is a paragraph in the constitution about a quorum and expenditure at business meetings which has never been agreed on. (9. A General Meeting shall have a quorum to be determined by the Annual General Meeting of the group. If that quorum is not met, major group policy cannot be altered or formulated, nor can any expenditure above a sum to be determined by the Annual General Meeting of the group be sanctioned.) Agreed that we should put a motion to the AGM suggesting 4 people as a quorum and £50 as expenditure. Barbara and Frank to agree a form of words</p>	<p>FO</p> <p>FO, BP</p>
<p>Diary</p>	<p>Stall in the Square: Saturday 6th October, 10-4pm AGM: Tuesday 6 November, Hobbs Room, Shrewsbury Library 7.30pm Christmas Drinks, Tuesday 11th December, from 8pm onwards, at the 3 Fishes, Fish Street</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	<p>St Julians Friars/Lower Wyle Cop. New road exhibition in Abbotsmead Hotel 4 Oct 12-7.00pm and 5 Oct 10-3.00pm. Also plans on SC website Greener Products campaign. Now called Make it Better campaign. This is about tough new rules for supply chains. Frank will order the pack</p>	<p>FO</p>
<p>Future dates of business meetings</p>	<p>Agreed that we would call a meeting on Monday 5 November if necessary, other wise this would be cancelled. Next expected meeting: 3 December 2012 - 7.30 Marches Energy Agency</p>	