

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting
Monday 2nd October 2017 7.30pm Lion Hotel

Notes

Present	Judy Coleridge, Mike Richardson, Tony Green, Clive Parsons, Alex Payne, Barbara Phillips, Sue Fisher, Sheila Jones, Philip Pool	
Apologies	Frank Oldaker	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes	Notes of business meeting 4th Sept.17 Agreed.	
Matters arising	Barbara learned from Michael Willmott that Shropshire Council (Clare Fildes, Officer) did submit a request for funding to the DfTransport to enable SC to draw up a Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. Submitted end June, still no response.	
Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues	<p>BID consultation on Big Town Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation finished on 29th Sept. SFoE have submitted comments. Plan is in general very encouraging. BID and Shrewsbury Town Council will agree on topics for further discussion and will invite involvement by groups. Barbara to contact Seb Slater (BID CEO) to say that we would like to be involved. <p>Transport and air quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike reported that we're waiting for a response from DEFRA to his email about "estimates based on estimates" • Mike and Dave Green have a meeting with Steve Davenport (Portfolio holder for transport SC) on 10th Oct., to discuss air quality generally and air quality action plan. This will include SC's intention to buy micro-hybrid buses for Park & Ride, and Euro6 vehicles for SC. Also will raise the NWRR. • John Whitelegg's 20mph conference. Tony reported: excellent speakers, really knowledgeable and persuasive; Tony believes the statement put to conference for signing would have been agreed. All the town councils present said that they were considering advocating 20's plenty. The public part of the meeting was not so successful – there's to be a meeting for the public re 20's Plenty on 25 Nov 3-5pm at United Reformed Church. <p>North West Relief Road and Oxon Link Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Green will ask Steve Davenport what the business case process is. There is now a doubt that there will be any public consultation before SC submit the Business Case to the DfT. • Re Oxon Link Road it seems the money is coming from the LEP (£4m) and SC is contributing £8m from reserves. When the developer has built and sold all the houses only then will they refund SC so it could be a very long time. <p>Rea Brook clean-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank and Sheila met Asda's contractor who was positive. He did some work to clean up the water during their meeting. • Walk along the Brook will be on 15 October at 10.00 (not 11.00). Meet at recycling point at Asda. Sheila to write press release and send to Shropshire Star and Shrewsbury Chronicle. Robin Mager is letting SWLT members know. <p>GSX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM is on Sat 14th October – see "dates" below <p>Green Guide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide is pressing readers to do something about their plastic bottle use. The issue is very much in the media at the moment. <p>Bishops Castle Michaelmas Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very creative and successful event majoring on bees. Children made bees from 	<p>BP</p> <p>MR, DG</p> <p>DG</p> <p>SJ</p>

	<p>paper lanterns. Procession through town of children with lanterns, 12ft high beekeeper and 6ft high bee</p> <p>Planning Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Plan Review will be available in Nov for consultation. They are proposing new sites for house building and development. <p>Membership: Alex and Clive attended this meeting!</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jane has agreed to act as treasurer. Thanks Jane! Tony suggests that they do the job together for a year so that Jane can see the processes. Philip to let her know. Tony has completed draft accounts which need to be checked by the accountant. <p>AGM speaker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We continued to be unsure about Dr David Gibbons – though he is clearly someone to find out more about. Philip is to approach a number of people about whether they will speak about building green homes. We agreed that we needed to have firm commitment by 6th Nov, or else we would go with a pared-down AGM of a report re our activities this past year. Barbara to contact Hobbs Rm about availability on 30 Nov and 28th Nov. If no good, try United Reformed Church small room. 	<p>PP,TG</p> <p>PP</p> <p>BP</p>
NationalFoE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing specific to report 	
Communication	<p>4 points Members' email : plastic bottles – Judy has written a script; 20's Plenty public meeting; AGM; Bee campaign at Michaelmas Fair</p> <p>Printed newsletter: Still under consideration – good time to produce will be with campaign on air quality / NWRR?</p>	BP
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy reported that Liz Kessler's husband recently died. She is going to stay with her and will take SFoE's condolences Co-ordinators received an email from Tom Stokes about town centre bins and recycling. Barbara has sent a preliminary reply. Judy will ask some questions of Alan Mosley/the Town Council/the station. Barbara was going to raise the issue of spring bulbs (being planted now) and the use of neonicotinoids by bulb growers/sellers. But there wasn't time. Date for Xmas drinks? Discuss next time. 	<p>JC</p> <p>JC,BP</p>
Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday 14th October 9.30-13.00 GSX – “Big Green Gathering” at Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Abbey Foregate. Main speaker: Prof Ralph Early from Harper Adams “The Future of Farming and the Food Industry after Brexit” Sunday 15th October 10.00 Walk along Rea Brook from Asda to Meole Brace and back Wednesday 18th October 7.30 Talk by Patrick Holden – CEO of the Sustainable Food Trust – former Director of The Soil Association “No Meat Less Meat? What Should I Eat to be Healthy and Sustainable” Room SGH19 Guildhall University Centre. Saturday 25 November. Public meeting about 20's Plenty – campaign to make 20mph the maximum speed in all Shropshire towns. United Reformed Church, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury. 3-5pm Tuesday 12th Dec – Xmas drinks??? 	
Next SFoE meeting	Monday 6 th November 2017 at Lion Hotel 7.30pm	