

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting
Monday 1st August 2016 7.30pm Lion Hotel

Notes

Present	Sue Fisher, Judy Coleridge, Tony Green, Philip Pool, Frank Oldaker	
Apologies	Barbara Phillips, Mike Richardson, Sheila Jones,	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of business meeting 6.6.16	Agreed	
Matters arising from business meeting held on 4.7.16	<p>North West Relief Road No public comment seen from CPRE. No further action needed by SFoE at this time but we will monitor the situation.</p> <p>Finance Info Tony has it ready so he will give to Barbara when she returns.</p>	AG
Local Campaigns/ Projects/Issues	<p>Town Centre Air Quality – Monitoring Methods and Equipment PM 2.5 monitor from FoE will be sent to us later in the month. When it arrives we will decide how best to get data in the locations suggested. To maximise time used several of us may need to do this. We will decide once we receive it.</p> <p>SITP – Report on the Consultation This has been published and significant number of responses favoured pedestrianisation. Clearly no intention to change the content of SITP and significant suggestions such as this are seen as “useful for the future”. Frank will prepare a press release expressing our dissatisfaction.</p> <p>Shrewsbury Vision – Report re Workshops Barbara and Frank attended one and felt there was good input from participants. Also felt there was a genuine intention to take ideas “on board” unlike so many other so called “Consultations”.</p> <p>Transport Forum – Application for funding, Report re last meeting Barbara and Philip attended. Appears bids will be for various small projects. Forum members will help and a link has been made with Shropshire Council.</p> <p>Climate Change Action Research has shown that money has shifted in the last 10 years from shares to bonds. Hard to find out how much. No further meeting arranged.</p> <p>Rea Brook litter Sheila sent an update as follows:- “Haven't yet heard from Asda head office when they will start to clear. The recycling area will be changing in October, losing the cardboard and plastic skips, making it more open, so whether that will alleviate the fly tipping over the wall to the brook we will see. Still trying to find owners of the back 1/2 of recycling. Looking into putting up some swift and bat boxes on the back of Asda and Cineworld, with the Shropshire Swift and Bat groups. Network Rail have put up extensive fencing as requested and it looks solid. There is still a possibility of getting over Mansers Antiques wall but it is tricky. When Asda has cleared theirs I have a letter draughted to drop in to all residents of Brook Rd.” The meeting unanimously agreed that Sheila’s successful campaigning on this issue more than justifies nominating her for “Environmental Champion” in the Shropshire Star ‘Pride of Shropshire’ awards. Frank will ask her if she</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FO MR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SJ</p>

	<p>wants her name put forward.</p> <p>Green Guide Judy has done some updating..</p> <p>AGM speaker Suggested we could cover air pollution. Maybe Mike on our actions and someone on the health implications. Jean Breakwell could give us a lead on who locally could do that aspect. Need to decide in September so ideas still welcome.</p> <p>GSX List of projects that are supported include:- -Shrewsbury Hydro -Recharge points for electric vehicles - more wanted across Shropshire. There will be an “Electric Vehicle Day” in Church Stretton on 12th September. -Ironbridge Power Station – Councils want development as housing or industry and Rob Saunders is pressing for sustainable use and GSX are supporting.</p> <p>Planning Issues – Greenhous Meadow Apparently it is not Council Policy for Portfolio Holders to influence planning application decisions. Sue will send an email asking who then is looking after the sports interests.</p> <p>The Dana Issues still unresolved and info supplied by the applicant is unsatisfactory.</p> <p>Membership Sue and Frank will go through paperwork that Becky has returned with a view to a hand over to Sylvi after the holidays.</p> <p>Local Groups “Get Together” - November in Birmingham This will be on 12th November and will be a Local Groups Gathering. It will also consider the need for a West Midlands Group to face the issues created by the new combined authority. All members of SFoE invited.</p>	<p>FO</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>SF</p> <p>SF FO</p>
National FoE	<p>Bees Air pollution We are supporting these campaigns .</p>	
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members’ email: 4 points. Not enough new info to include so no email this month.. 	
AOB		
Dates	17th November - John Whitelegg is speaking in Ludlow	
Next Meeting	Monday 5th September – 7-30pm at The Lion Hotel	