

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting
Monday 4 July 2016 7.30pm Lion Hotel

Notes

Present	Barbara Phillips, Mike Richardson, Judy Coleridge, Sue Fisher, Frank Oldaker, Philip Pool	
Apologies	Tony Green, Sheila Jones	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of business meeting 6.6.16	Agreed	
Matters arising from business meeting held on 6.6.16	<p>North West Relief Road Lots of press coverage re Daniel Kawczynski, the Council and the LEP all wanting to progress the Scheme. We got coverage on why we oppose the project and contacted CPRE who said they would decide what to do also. Not aware of their action if any. Suggestion made that maybe we could be proposing an alternative less damaging scheme rather than just opposing, but no detailed alternative is available to suggest so not in a position to do this.</p> <p>Finance Info Tony is only person holding info to deal with financial transactions. Decided the coordinator(s) should be backup custodians. Frank has been given it but not Barbara so Frank agreed to copy for her. (After meeting Tony said he had the info ready for Barbara so he would action)</p>	TG
Local Campaigns/ Projects/Issues	<p>Town Centre Air Quality, Traffic Group, “Not the Cycle” Forum, Shrewsbury Vision Mike has found it very difficult to get responses from National FoE. However, finally arranged to borrow a particulates monitor for 4 weeks from mid August. All invited to make suggestions as to where we use it and Mike will send an email advising how to record our ideas. Monitor to be sent to Frank as Mike possibly away when it is due. Instructions have already been circulated. Mike has also been investigating use of carbon monoxide and nitrous oxides monitors that connect to simple computers.</p> <p>The group that has formed to look at transport more widely, rather than just cycling, has met and Barbara and Philip have attended. Ideas and action for future work will be drawn up and we will be involved.</p> <p>The Shrewsbury Vision is being reviewed by Shropshire Council and the BID Group and Barbara and Frank will be attending one of the workshops that have been arranged as part of a consultation with interested organisations or individuals.</p> <p>Climate Change Action The group is looking to persuade Shropshire Council to stop its pension fund from investing in fossil fuels. The recent meeting was attended by Tony (and Dave Green) and it was decided that research was needed so attendees undertook to investigate particular aspects of the issue. There are a lot of vested interests and the situation is complicated. The group have asked whether SFoE would assist by helping to fund the campaign. The meeting decided that more information as to what funding was to be spent on was needed before a decision was possible.</p> <p>Rea Brook litter SWLT want to organise a photo and issue the press release quickly. Need to ensure that Sheila’s work and the success is publicised before PR action by others means the opportunity is lost.</p> <p>Green Guide Updating of sections by the wider Group still needed – Tony has sent in an update. Mike has been feeding changes into the guide and the meeting agreed thanks are due to Mike for his work.</p>	<p>MR All</p> <p>BP PP FO</p> <p>BP FO</p> <p>TG</p> <p>SJ</p>

	<p>AGM speaker Discussed but no decision. Agreed think about before the next meeting.</p> <p>GSX Nothing to report</p> <p>Planning Issues No more on the Lidl application at the football ground. On reflection felt that the reply from Stuart West (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture) that he couldn't influence the decision is unacceptable. Sue and Barbara will compile an email to Malcolm Pate.</p> <p>Tree at the River Thai has been felled</p> <p>Membership We must get this sorted and Frank will see Becky to get the records that Sue passed to her. (Since the meeting Sylvi has offered to be membership secretary for a year and very grateful thanks have been expressed.)</p>	<p>All</p> <p>BP SF</p> <p>FO</p>
National FoE	<p>Bees No action</p> <p>Air pollution We are active in this campaign through the local work we are doing.</p>	
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members' email: Possibles - Air Quality, Rea Brook, Shrewsbury Vision Review. Barbara will draft and Frank will circulate. 	<p>BP FO</p>
AOB	<p>We have had an email from Roxanne in Birmingham FoE suggesting a get together later in the year for local groups. Intended to be in addition to Regional Meetings. General feeling of the meeting was going to Birmingham for such a gathering was time consuming and we feel available time is used up locally. Barbara will respond</p>	<p>BP</p>
Dates		
Next Meeting	Monday 1st August 2016 - 7-30pm at The Lion Hotel	