

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting

Monday 4th February 2019 7.30pm The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station)

Notes

Present	Tony Green, Alan Leaman, Pauline Wilton, Barbara Phillips, Clive Parsons, Mike Richardson, Judy Coleridge, Sue Fisher, Sheila Jones, Frank Oldaker, Paula Alesandri – Gray, (Banking item only), Dave Green, (Banking and NWRR only)	
Apologies	Beth Holgate	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes	Notes of Business Meeting 14th January 2019. Agreed	
Matters arising from 14th Jan 2019	Items not on agenda - None	
Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banking Paula has sent off documentation to the bank re changes to authorised signatures. A cheque for Emma for GG leaflets was not cashed until after accounts were presented to the 2018 AGM but cash balance in the accounts allowed for it. Will be explained in accounts report presented to the 2019 AGM. • NWRR Dave gave a review of recent events and the current situation. There was a discussion about future action and how much effort should be expended. Should we focus on other issues as this campaign now seems lost? Or not? As the official announcement of funding hasn't been made it was decided that after it has appeared a sub group will meet in about 2 weeks time to look in detail at our options. Cooperation with other organisations is key. • Air quality Mike's planned meetings with his SC Councillor has been postponed for the third time but he is confident it will happen. Now in diary for this Thursday. He has asked for the 2018 data and a copy of the 2017 review. FoE have been updating the data and map of the national situation so launch of their campaign has been put back – date unknown. Judy contacted Client Earth re coming to give a talk but they haven't the capacity to do such events. • Planning and Development Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Greenfields – SFoE contribution has been sent and the campaign group is still fundraising. No further news ○ New housing proposals and the Local Plan. Sub group of Tony, Clive and Frank met. Tony and Dave have worked on drawing up comments and Tony has prepared a submission from SFoE which is accepted. He will be commenting on behalf of GSX so Frank will submit SFoE's by this Friday. ○ Shrewsbury Growing Forward conference on 19 Jan – Clive reported that there appeared to be “mixed messages” from the event. Mark Barrow- Director of Place for SC spoke but didn't stay and feeling amongst Interest Groups is that they are not being listened to at all. SC seems to be pressing on with major development ideas with no reference to climate change implications. Tony pressed about “The ShrewsburyTest” but it hasn't been drafted yet. Julian Dean wants a review of the scale of development included in the Local Plan. He is meeting other groups – Civic 	<p>P A-G</p> <p> </p> <p>DG</p> <p> </p> <p>MR</p> <p> </p> <p>FO</p>

	<p>Society etc. There was a lot of concern that the need for other services such as schools, GP's etc is not being properly addressed. SC deny this. Groups waiting to see how the Big Town Plan is progressed. Agreed Barbara will contact Seb Slater of the BID and ask what is happening re the proposed workshops to develop the BTP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning applications or issues of interest - Don't believe anyone commented on the Chalets proposal at Upper Luckley Wood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proposed water campaign "Refill" Details just received from Severn Trent – Frank will circulate. ● Global Justice & talk by John Vidal John Vidal is happy to come. Global Justice are dealing with all arrangements and we will help as requested. ● Green Guide: Regular Column on the Environment in Star or Chronicle? The Editor seems keen on the idea. There was a lot of discussion about the title for the column without a conclusion. Judy will speak to the editor because he will have a view as to what is acceptable. ● Extinction Rebellion Want people to attend for the STC meeting on 24th March at 6pm. Exhibition at Bear Steps Gallery from 10th – 23rd February called "Clean Stream" about plastic pollution. ● Media and Publicity – Website Barbara will discuss progress with Emma and Katy ● Rea Brook and Litter Picking: Some litter was blowing across Oteley Rd from STFC/Lidl but they dealt with it quickly when asked. The triangle at the end of Brook St is a mess and clearly the Asda Store Manager is not getting this cleared on a regular basis. Sheila will chase. The Wimpey site compound at Sutton Grange is worse than ever and building waste is outside the fence. Sheila has sent a strongly worded letter to their head office. Sheila will look for an area where we can carry out a meaningful litter pick ● GSX : Bob Ensum wants an action day on plastic waste across the whole of Shropshire later in the year. 	<p>BP</p> <p>FO</p> <p>JC</p> <p>BP</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p>
National / Regional FoE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Air quality. Campaign launch delayed 	
Communication	<p>4 points Members' email and printed newsletter Didn't go out last month so will do this time and will include the NWRRsituation</p>	<p>FO</p>
AOB	<p>None</p>	
Upcoming dates	<p>9th Feb 2-30pm Climate Change – Evolution Deniers and Anti-Science Unitarian Church, Shrewsbury 8th June Birmingham Training Day on Climate Change.</p>	
Next SFoE mtg	<p>4th March The Alb</p>	