

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting
Monday 6th June 2016 7.30pm Lion Hotel**

Notes

Present	Sue Fisher, Tony Green, Philip Pool, Frank Oldake	
Apologies	Barbara Phillips, Mike Richardson, Judy Coleridge, Sheila Jones	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of business meeting 9.5.16	Agreed?	
Matters arising from business meeting held on 9.5.16	<p>Natural Environment Supplementary Planning Document –Philip went to the briefing by The Chief Planning Officer – It was about use of the website with which he was familiar anyway.</p> <p>Car Club Membership – Sue’s letter to The Chronicle to advertise the fact that members of the Car Club can use cars of other Clubs wasn’t published</p>	
Local Campaigns/ Projects/Issues	<p>Green Guide Tony has looked at Environmental Groups section. CHALK in Oswestry need to be added and he has notes of other changes. The rest of us still to do.</p> <p>Town Centre Traffic Only reaction to our emails to Councillors has been a reply from the Chief Executive of SC, clearly drafted by Matt Johnston which said our views would be taken into account as part of the consultation. It is clear that no significant change is intended. As he said SITP had been agreed by the LEP’s independent assessor we have emailed the LEP asking how detailed is their assessment and await their reply. At our meeting with Mal Price re The Shrewsbury Vision SITP was briefly discussed and it was clear that he is not satisfied that the way schemes are being processed by the Council and LEP is giving the best results.</p> <p>The Shrewsbury Vision Barbara and Frank met Mal Price(Portfolio Holder) and Kirsten Henley(BID Executive Director) to discuss how more progress towards achieving The Vision might be achieved. Mal feels that the original report was too biased towards the wishes of SC so they intend to review it with much more consultation with interest groups. This will commence soon with the intention of producing the revised document by April 2017. We will be invited.</p> <p>North West Relief Road Lots of press coverage re Daniel Kawczynski, the Council and the LEP all wanting to progress the Scheme. Government Minister has expressed support. Frank has done a press release reminding why it was/is opposed. We will ask CPRE to do the same.</p> <p>Cycling forum Meeting took place and Barbara and Philip were there. A “Facilitating Meeting” will take place on the 14th June to define function and working of a new Forum. Topics:- Shrewsbury Vision is a useful framework: Need to identify key individuals: Modal shift: Cycling to school: Good for business: Lack of connectivity: Air quality: Sustainability: Safety.</p> <p>Rea Brook litter Sheila sent update. Asda are expected to start work in 4-5 weeks and the work could take 6 weeks. Cost is substantial. A press release is ready but we will wait until Asda reach an appropriate stage in their clear up. Ben Waddams mentioned the Rea Brook Clear Up in his Shrewsbury Chronicle column on 26th May. Setting up of a monitoring group is outstanding but not urgent.</p> <p>Climate Change Action Jo Blackman organised a meeting and it was decided to pursue divestment from</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>BP FO</p> <p>FO AG</p> <p>BP PP</p> <p>SJ</p>

	<p>fossil fuels – will target SC and The Town Council re their pension funds.</p> <p>GSX Tony as Chair will be attending VCSA (Voluntary Community Sector Assembly) meetings. Position at this point in time is there will be no more money for member organisations but SC will “help where they can as members adapt to the new situation”. GSX represent environmental interests in the Assembly.</p> <p>Planning Issues Lidl Supermarket – Gone quiet. Sue wrote to Stuart West (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture) because of the covenant re community sports rights at Greenhaus Meadow but he replied he couldn’t influence the matter. When she pressed him on this there was no reply. Tree Felling – River Thai Restaurant on Smithfield Road. – Philip has submitted an objection. The Dana Prison – Philip put in a detailed comment and the issue of car parking is unresolved. Looks like a revised proposal is needed.</p> <p>Earthmover Awards Frack Free Duddleston were not shortlisted.</p>	AG
National FoE	<p>National campaigns</p> <p>Bees – Letter received from SWLT thanking us for our £100 donation to the Fairfield Meadows appeal.</p> <p>Air pollution Mike being very active. We hope to borrow equipment to do our own monitoring. Matthew Clark has sent us his long awaited report which gives comprehensive information on the council’s air quality monitoring and the issues for all Shropshire.</p>	MR
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not enough new info to justify an email update to members this month. 	
AOB	<p>Tony is only person holding info to deal with financial transactions. Decided the coordinator(s) should be backup custodians. Frank given it at meeting and Tony will pass to Barbara also.</p> <p>AGM 2016 At next meeting we need to consider who might be invited to be our speaker.</p>	AG ALL
Dates		
Next Meeting	Monday 4th July 2016 - 7-30pm at The Lion Hotel	