

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting

Monday 6 August 2018 7.30pm The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station)

Notes

Present	Judy Coleridge, Sheila Jones, Barbara Phillips, Frank Oldaker, Tony Green, Clive Parsons , Philip Pool	
Apologies	Emma Charles, Beth Holgate	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes	Notes of Business Meeting 2 July 2018. Agreed	
Matters arising From 2 July	Items not on agenda. None	
Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media and Publicity – Website. Action to publicise SFoE existence and activity. This item was postponed to next meeting as Emma and Katy could not attend this meeting • Triodos Bank and new treasurer. Sue brought the Triodos file from Jane and gave it to Tony. It was agreed that we would postpone doing anything about the switch to Triodos from the Co-op until we have a new treasurer, who will have a view on the matter. We will ask members (in the members' email) whether they will search for a new treasurer to be nominated at the AGM • GDPR – Update. In hand. Still not completed. • Rea Brook The problem bench has still not been removed, but will be. The brook is very tidy because Asda is doing a good job. Judy spoke at the SWLT meeting about Sheila's contribution to the cleanliness of the river and proposed that there should be mention of this on their new "Shropshire Rivers Hub" website. Judy will email Peter Lambert to let him know that many SWLT members were not invited to the meeting. • Plastics and Green Guide The new Green Guide leaflets have been distributed town-wide by the GG group. Members were encouraged to take leaflets to distribute as/where they thought fit. The meeting thanked the group, and especially Emma, for finding the printing company and organising the print run – and all at such a very reasonable cost Talk re plastics. Ali Thomas is keen to do this but Martin Forrest has unfortunately been told by his company that his participation is not appropriate. Cath Edwards of Newport 21 has suggested Paul Frith and Judy will approach him. The University is happy to host the event. Shrewsbury High School is the only school in Shrewsbury that replied to the questionnaire circulated by the GG group about action on plastics. The school is doing quite a lot, including following up on the Freiburg model of reusable cups. The green cup system that Ali used at the Food Festival worked well. Several of our members helped with that. There was discussion about what more can be done to advertise the GG. It was thought that the Shrewsbury Chronicle might carry a short article every month. This might be arduous for the group – but if the monthly contributions were brainstormed and prepared for 6-months at a time, this could be do-able, Judy to email the editor – but will draft an email and circulate it first. • Air quality and NWRR. All data on air quality has now been removed from the website. We discussed 	<p>BP</p> <p>FO</p> <p>JC</p> <p>All</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC</p>

	<p>the issue more under the Big Town Plan. NWRR. Dave Green was told by Chris Todd of the Campaign for Better Transport that the DfT did not consider the NWRR in May when they were considering other major projects – they put it to one side. Dave will email Steve Davenport to ask what he understands to be happening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car parking in town centre A letter was printed by the Shrewsbury Chronicle from 3 members of STS, objecting to the proposal to build new multi-storey car parking at Riverside. Also a letter went from STS to Steve Davenport. • Planning and Development Issues Greenfields. Judy spoke to a member of the Greenfields campaign group about the comment that SFoE are not interested in the issue. The member commented that that view was not generally held – it was thought SFoE had been helpful. Clive responded to the revised planning proposal for Greenfields. Ellesmere Road. Tony will look at the proposal for houses the other side of the Ellesmere Road. Green spaces. Tony reported that SWLT is going to be heavily involved in advising Shropshire Council. Big Town Plan. This has now been published. There is a public meeting on 12 Sept. Everyone to look at the plan and send their comments to Clive and Barbara who will respond on behalf of SFoE. They should mention the importance of air quality. BID are also setting up a public consultation. Date not yet available. Local Transport Plan. This is being updated. There is a consultation meeting on 19 Sept. Philip to go for SFoE. Barbara to send email to Philip so he can register. Civic society conference. Clive received feedback, but no-one else who attended did! Barbara to circulate the email that was sent to Clive. Prison visitors' reception building area. Judy is concerned about the proposal to build flats on this site. Judy will circulate the email about the plans. Ref no 18/03206/FUL on SC planning portal. Oxon Link Road. Ref no: 18/03166/EIA. May be aspects of it we object to. Clive will look at it and submit a comment. • GSX A new steering group has been established for the new network 	<p>Dave Green</p> <p>TG</p> <p>All, CP.BP</p> <p>PP, BP</p> <p>BP</p> <p>JC</p> <p>CP</p>
National / Regional FoE	<p>Bee Campaign Frank is going to address this as part of the Shrewsbury Organic Gardeners stall at the Flower Show.</p>	FO
Communication	<p>4 points Members' email and Printed newsletter Barbara will draft an email.</p>	FO, BP
AOB		
Upcoming dates		
Next SFoE meeting	<p>Monday 3 Sept at The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station) 7.30pm . Apologies from Sue, Mike and Barbara</p>	