

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting
Monday 7th March 2016 7.30pm Lion Hotel

Notes

Present	Sue Fisher, Judy Coleridge, Sheila Jones, Barbara Phillips, Philip Pool, Mike Richardson, Tony Green, Frank Oldaker	
Apologies		
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of business meeting 1.2.16	Agreed	
Matters arising from business meeting held on 1.2.16	<p>-Operating Process – Ok but last line of “Overall Principles” should read “----- as a result of the campaigning approach above” Tony queried whether there should be a statement about getting new members. Frank and Barbara to discuss and bring to next meeting</p> <p>-Judy’s letter re shops leaving doors open was eventually published. -Family Grapevine entry- Barbara has requested our entry be removed -Shropshire Star Community Groups Listing – Frank submitted our entry but Star has just decided to cease publishing the listing.</p>	FO BP
Local Campaigns/ Projects/Issues	<p>Green Guide Updating of sections by the wider Group – FO will send “Tourism” update when his notes surface again. Rest still to do----</p> <p>Sub group actions – Stickers have been given to nearly all shops and most put up. ClientEarth are suing the government re air pollution. Put “Looking at their website” on as a new “TopTip”. Bus Users Shropshire have produced a bus map- reference to it has been included.</p> <p>Rea Brook litter Sheila has been very active and liaising with Judy, has tackled Asda, Home Bargains, Highways Agency, Network Rail, Mansers, Shropshire Council, Veolia , SWLT and Cllr John Tandy who all have responsibility or an interest in the condition of sections of the Rea Brook and its bankside between the Countryside Park and where it joins the Severn. Home bargains cleared their piece quickly, Mansers look after theirs and the Highways Agency and Network Rail have promised action. Asda’s manager is not being helpful and pressure may need to be brought to get action. The litter bin by Asda isn’t emptied and will be removed. Problem of anti social behaviour and resulting litter under the Railway. Various meetings arranged to achieve progress overall. The ownership of the Recycling Area is unclear. If SC don’t check and clarify this Mike will do so via The Land Registry. Veolia will take litter from the area but won’t pull it out of the vegetation around. Sheila intends to do this herself. Sheila will continue to progress all this work, along with Judy, but does want some extra help to talk to the residents of Brook Lane which is unadopted and needs attention. She will ask when time is right. When all the clearing up has been done it was agreed that an arrangement was needed to ensure regular monitoring and cleaning. Appreciation of the work done and progress made so far was expressed by all.</p> <p>Climate Change Action It was a good meeting at The Alb attended by about 12 people. Keen to tackle Fossil Fuel Divestment but no date for next meeting yet. Jo will be arranging.</p> <p>GSX At meeting with Clive Wright revealed SC still considering setting up an Energy Company. Also Mal Price is responsible for Planning, Housing <u>and</u> Environment.</p> <p>Shropshire Green Gathering Is fixed for 7th May at URC by English Bridge in Shrewsbury.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC MR</p> <p>SJ JC</p>

	<p>The fee will be £5 but if booked in advance will include lunch. Those just arriving on the day will still pay £5 but will have to provide their own lunch. SFoE will have a stand/display – Tony and Frank to organise</p> <p>Town Centre Traffic Sub Group has met to discuss SITP proposals. Agreed Barbara prepare a press release and Frank to draft a letter to councillors. Philip has prepared a statement on cycling and Sue will look at walking routes. There is a meeting about cycling with Matt Johnston at Shire Hall on 15th March from 5pm – 6.30pm. Frank and Barbara will go.</p> <p>John Vidal - Talk Organising group have produced posters – sharing of distribution list was agreed. Sent to GSX and SWLT. Our members and wider list of supporters to be emailed. Everyone to look out for publicity opportunities. Lots done re organising the room and IT equipment. Query whether PA is ok for speaker, chair and for taking questions??</p> <p>Planning Issues Formal linking with SWLT has been agreed</p> <p>Claremont Bank Tree – was removed after permission given. Applicant submitted more evidence of structural damage and Tree Officer decided to agree.</p> <p>The Prison. Philip has done a submission. Application says students won't be allowed cars within 5 miles – (enforcement how?) Suggests that Dana Footbridge and the new access at the CastleHill end of the footpath could be included as a condition. Meeting unsure as Network Rail possibly doing the bridge and the new access at Castle Hill will be done if the dispute with The Horticultural Society is resolved.</p>	<p>AG FO</p> <p>BP FO BP FO</p> <p>JC SF PP</p>
National FoE	National campaigns Regional Meeting in Birmingham – No matters arising from report circulated	
Communication	Members' email: 4 points John Vidal talk, Rea Brook litter, SITP. Barbara will prepare	BP
AOB	Membership Renewals – Because of her new business Becky unable to do this year. Frank and Tony already looking at this and will ask for assistance if necessary.	FO AG
Dates	7th April 2016 John Vidal Talk 7th May 2016 Shropshire Green Gathering	
Next Meeting	Monday 4th April 2016 - 7-30pm at The Lion Hotel	