

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting
Monday 9th January 2017 7.30pm Lion Hotel

Notes of Meeting

Present	Barbara Phillips, Sheila Jones, Judy Coleridge, Sue Fisher, Tony Green, Philip Pool, Frank Oldaker	
Apologies	Mike Richardson	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes	Notes of business meeting 5.12.16 – Had been circulated - Agreed	
Matters arising	Barbara had sent an email to Dave Green with thanks for his talk at the AGM	
Local Campaigns/ Projects/Issues	<p>GSX Tony has arranged a meeting to be attended by John Whitelegg, Peter Gilbert, Denise Thompson and himself re transport plans for the county. John is at present preparing one for South Shropshire (Ludlow – Church Stretton)</p> <p>Town Centre Air Quality and Town Centre traffic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike has prepared a plan onto which relevant information from our particulate survey can be imposed. Frank and he will do more on this and then we can decide how the info can be used. As no real issues were uncovered maybe we issue a press release to that effect – being positive about the situation. • SITP – 38 degrees group taking no further action re Meole Brace Island. Clive Crosse has corresponded with Sainsbury to put pressure on the retail park owners to improve access. <p>Sustainable Transport Shropshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara reported that after a lot of work she has almost completed the document containing proposals for consideration in preparing the revised “Vision” for Shrewsbury. There had been a meeting in the afternoon to finalise it. Agreed that a short version would be used in proposed meetings with BID and Mal Price but the full document and references were there in reserve. Barbara and Peter Gilbert will meet James Handley of BID very soon. SFoE , particularly Barbara, have done a lot of work on the above document but it is in the name of STS. In “losing” the FoE name, as a recognised group, it is possible that the proposals may not be taken as seriously by external parties. We will “keep an eye” on how the situation develops. <p>Rea Brook litter Sheila reported that Asda are now saying there is no more money to do the last section of fencing – over the culvert entering the brook. Apart from pressing Asda Head Office it was agreed that there is an H & S issue (which had been pointed out to a member of staff of Asda – sent by the Store Manager to meet Sheila and Frank). Because it is a public footpath Sheila will contact Shropshire Council and see if they can press for action because of this. Litter is not being cleared from the footpath as promised. Sheila has delivered letters to Brook Street residents asking them to help prevent litter from the street getting to the brook.</p> <p>Flower Show Waste and Litter Frank has not yet prepared the letter to the Flower Show re waste and sustainability.</p> <p>Green Guide New homepage needed. Barbara suggested it should focus on textile recycling as on our visit to the incinerator we observed a lot of textiles in the general waste. Charity shops and clothing collectors do take worn out items. Judy will investigate and produce a piece. Everyone continue to try and look at new info to keep sections up to date.</p> <p>Planning We have had an email from Bryan Payling re an application to fell a yew tree at 14, Swan Hill. He wants us to object. Frank will investigate and reply to him.</p>	
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	<p>Philip has prepared submissions in the name of STS objecting or commenting on planning applications and this area is another where the identity of FoE is being lost. (see above).</p> <p>Membership. Sylvi has assessed the situation and is almost ready to send letters to members who are in arrears with subs. Unanimously it was agreed we again send grateful thanks to Sylvi for taking on the job of Membership Secretary with its difficulties.</p> <p>John Vidal Agreed after discussion that we donate £100 to his Gumbi Education fund in Malawi.</p> <p>Shropshire Council Consultation We discussed whether we want to take action to try and persuade Shropshire Council to carry out meaningful consultations. Lots of community/action groups have expressed annoyance at their present approach. Agreed we contact Chris Stoddart to discuss.</p>	<p>SG</p> <p>JC AG</p> <p>FO BP</p>
National FoE		
Communication	4 points Members' email: Barbara has prepared – Frank to send	FO
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Dates Next Meeting	Monday 6th February 2017 7.30pm The Lion Hotel	