

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting
Monday 6 November 2017 7.30pm Lion Hotel**

Notes

Present	Clive Parsons, Catherine Parsons, Alex Payne, Barbara Phillips, Tony Green, Philip Pool, Sheila Jones, Frank Oldaker	
Apologies	Judy Coleridge, Sue Fisher, Mike Richardson, Dave Green	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes	Notes of business meeting 2 October 2017- Agreed	
Matters arising	<p>From items not on agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BID consultation on Big Town Plan. We await contact from Seb Slater CEO on involvement in the next stage Town centre bins. Tom Stokes' enquiry. – Judy spoke to STC. Bins are emptied by Ringway and Cartrights. Ringway send to incinerator – Cartrights may sort. As we are busy we will take this issue up in the new year. 	JC, BP, FO
Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues	<p>AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentations. Philip has got 3 people to talk about their eco building projects. They have adopted varied approaches to the work so will make an interesting event. Organisation:- Philip will ask Mike to do poster and will send him a photo. If Mike can't do it then Tony will instead. Frank will do an advance notice email to members We will distribute posters by the 15th November. Frank will organise. Barbara will do agenda (including update by Dave on the NWRR – AOB?) Barbara will confirm booking of The Hobbs Room Philip will do a press release We won't do tea etc <p>Jane has offered to take over as treasurer and Tony will speak to her He suggests working together initially.</p> <p>All posts are subject to an open election at the AGM</p> <p>Xmas drinks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree date – 13th December chosen Invite Chris Crean – Tony will inform him Decided we should only give the “Environmental Champion “ award if there is an obvious candidate. <p>Treasurer – See above</p> <p>North West Relief Road. A meeting of campaign groups against the road was held on the 2nd November. We have created a petition on 38 Degrees site asking people to object to The Council spending £21 million on the road as well as taking all the risk of cost increases. (links not working so to sort). All groups are submitting comments but individual submissions are important because the numbers matter. The Cabinet are due to discuss submission of the OBM on 15th November and Full Council on 14th December. Groups will try and get as much publicity as possible – press releases, letters. Dave is submitting our comments and will send a letter to all councillors.</p> <p>Transport and air quality. Update including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Whitelegg's 20's Plenty public meeting is on 25th November. We will distribute posters. Frank to organise and Barbara, Sheila and Frank will do. Air quality in Shrewsbury: Steve Davenport meeting report – Left for next meeting as Mike not present 	<p>PP</p> <p>PP</p> <p>FO</p> <p>FO</p> <p>BP</p> <p>BP</p> <p>PP</p> <p>AG</p> <p>AG</p> <p>BP FO</p> <p>DG</p> <p>FO,BP,S J</p>

	<p>Rea Brook clean-up: Update including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk along the Brook – This was enjoyed by 16 people. The contractor for Asda has removed the compost bins and is sorting the problem along the bottom of the fence where arrangement to close the gap is unsatisfactory. Seat has still not been removed. Sheila has contacted Matt Willcox about litter around picnic tables. Does occur but intermittently and if he is notified there is an accumulation he will take action. The Swift Boxes have been approved. Sheila reported that she had noticed a lot of litter around Travelodge off Dobbies Island. Asked the manager why no litter bins and he said he has been requesting them but no joy – he would welcome support. So she will take action. <p>GSX: Update including AGM – Successful with number of speakers. Main presentation was by Ralph Early from Harper Adams on Brexit and Farming – very strongly against Brexit. Short talks on Fuel Poverty, Sustainable Transport Shropshire and the Food Hubs. Recent ones at Wem, Bishops Castle, Oswestry and Whitchurch. Shrewsbury Food hub now has a depot at Harlescote and Katy Anderson has been to parliament to lobby.</p> <p>Green Guide: Update left until next meeting as Judy, Mike and Sue not present.</p> <p>Planning Issues Local Plan Review. Tony will lead on this and submit our response by 22nd December. Proposed to work with other organisations CPRE, Civic Society. Barbara made the point strongly that green spaces within housing areas are important and need to be protected. The Green Belts around Shifnal, Bridgnorth and Whitchurch are being considered for change. CPRE are particularly angry that the Council have gone for the highest number of houses proposed whereas the result of the consultation earlier in the year was that people wanted the lowest. Of major significance are the military barracks site at Tern Hill and Ironbridge Power Station site which are large areas up for development. Clive mentioned a large self build scheme at Bicester but we have no information on how this is being organised apart from there being strict rules on what individuals can build. Follow up to possibly include in our submission.</p> <p>Membership: Sylvi away and no new information</p> <p>Spring bulbs (being planted now) and the use of neonicotinoids by bulb growers/sellers. Sheila seeking information on this and believes most imported from Holland are treated but there is a British supplier who heat treats instead. Frank will contact the nursery who Shropshire Organic Gardeners work with for their Potato Day.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>AG</p> <p>CP</p> <p>FO</p>
NationalFoE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update - No information 	
Communication	<p>4 points Members' email. – We have sent emails on the NWRR and will be on AGM. There may be more so no special update needed.</p> <p>Printed newsletter: Still under consideration – good time to produce will be with campaign on air quality / NWRR? - No time to do at present.</p>	
AOB		
Dates		
Next SFoE meeting	<p>Monday 4 December 2017 at Lion Hotel 7.30pm (Note: As this is the day before the AGM it will only be held if confirmed)</p>	BP,FO