

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting
Monday 1 July 2013 7.30pm Marches Energy Agency

Notes

Present	Frank Oldaker, Philip Pool, Jenna Blair, Judy Coleridge, Sue Fisher, Barbara Phillips	
Apologies	Denise Thompson, Mike Richardson	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of meeting on 3.6.13	Accepted	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Letter to SOGS. Barbara sent a letter of thanks to the chair Peter Anderson and the treasurer Eric Lunt. 	
Local Campaigns/projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Green Guide. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Competition. Barbara issued a press release giving SFoE's apologies to anyone who tried to enter the competition and suggesting that they enter again. It wasn't published by the press. Not checked whether Mike put an apology on SFoE website ○ The decision to set a primary schools competition was reversed after discussion; primary school pupils are not target group for the GG ○ There were 2 winners of the competition. A 10-year old won the book token and an adult won the T-shirt. Barbara to contact them. ○ Search engine. Now OK ○ Distribution of leaflets. The meeting allocated people to places to distribute leaflets. It was agreed that Barbara would speak to Mike about how to store the leaflet list in the cloud so that we can all access it to update it. ○ 18th June stall. Went very well. Barbara had cancelled electricity. ○ VAT. Not enough lottery funds to pay VAT to Web Orchard. Agreed that Judy will approach the lottery about a bit more grant aid. Philip pointed out that Shrewsbury JC has funding to give to groups. ○ Payment to Web Orchard. Judy has asked John Rice to pay Web Orchard ○ Placing links to GG suite on other websites. Judy, Sue and Mike will send website link to all organisations mentioned in the GG and ask them to place the link on their websites. Barbara will contact Comms Dept at Councils to ask them to put the link on their websites. Also send to GSX and ask them to send it out to members (who do?) ○ Updating. Judy, Sue and Mike will do updating. There needs to be regular checking of addresses etc 4-monthly. Judy, Sue and Mike will allocate sections to individuals; the first check must be completed by 1st October 2013. ○ Transition Town Shrewsbury website re local shops. Discussion about whether we should suggest merging the sites/collaborating etc. Decided to leave it for the moment. ○ Interview with nat FoE. Judy was interviewed by Neil Grinsnorth who would like to place details of the GG on the FoE Facebook page which reaches 50,000 people. Decision not yet taken by FoE. ● Planning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ South West Urban Extension. Public exhibition and consultation on 4.7.13 and 18.7.13. Philip will definitely go – and others will go if possible. ○ SAMDev. Frank will circulate the original SAMDev comments 	<p style="text-align: center;">BP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALL, BP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SF,JC,MR BP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SF,JC,MR ALL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PP, ALL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FO</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sutton Grange. Philip will check whether the planning application for Sutton Grange has been heard ○ Crida windfarm. Philip submitted comment in favour. We revisited the discussion we had about windfarms some months ago in which we agreed that we would stay neutral on the development of on-shore windfarms unless one is proposed for Shrewsbury. ○ Chris Crean & Dave Green wonder whether any of us want to organise a visit to Crida. No-one in SFoE wishes to. Frank to let them know. ● Walks and Talks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visit to Lower Wallop Farm. Good. Mostly SOGS members. ○ Eco houses in Falstaff St. Philip to follow up ○ Organic beef farming film. Judy received information about this film and we discussed whether we should try and arrange a showing. Jenna explained that this might be done in collaboration with Peter Pack who arranges film showings at The Hive. We decided not to proceed with this particular film. ○ Green Drinks. Duncan Kerr from the Green Party is thinking of restarting regular gatherings ● GSX. Discussion about an email from David Current about how GSX represents groups. Barbara to reply. ● SCRL. James' comments about the new recycling vehicles seemed to close the door on further participation of SCRL in the debate. SFoE to consider further at our next meeting ● Stalls. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6th July Green Fair at Shropshire Wildlife Trust. Frank will attend most of the day. Barbara will try to get there. ○ Discussion about organising a "different" bric-a-brac stall in the autumn. Continue discussion next time. 	<p>PP</p> <p>FO</p> <p>PP</p> <p>BP</p> <p>FO, BP</p>
Diary	6th July Green Fair. Shropshire Wildlife Trust	
Future dates of business meetings	Next business meeting: Monday 12 August 2013 7.30pm: Marches Energy Agency	