

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting

Monday 1 April 2019 7.30pm The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station)

Notes

Present	Tony Green, Alan Leaman, Pauline Wilson, Barbara Phillips, Mike Richardson, Judy Coleridge, Sue Fisher, Sheila Jones, Frank Oldaker, Clive Parsons, Julie Willis, Colin Jefferson	
Apologies	Beth Holgate, Philip Pool, Paula Alessandri-Gray (NB. Paola is SFoE treasurer and will generally not attend business meetings)	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes	Notes of business meeting on 4 March 2019 had been circulated. No amendments requested.	
Matters arising from 4th March	Dealt with under the agenda	
Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rea Brook and Litter Picking: There Football Stadium have cleared their ditch and will do the rest when the weather is drier. The Wild Pig (formerly The Brooklands) and Meole Brace Golf Club are very littery. The manager at Cineworld has changed so Sheila will be chasing him up. She has been in touch with the heads of Meole Brace primary and secondary schools. Asda is now clearing 6 times a year instead of 4. There is a particular problem with plastic gloves. The litter pick on 21st March in Meole Brace was successful. 13 bags collected of which 5 were recyclables. Street Cleaning contacted Sheila after the event, but John Morris has agreed to collect bags after any future event. Pauline reported that she has had some positive feedback from members of the public. It was agreed that, if anyone asked whether they could help, we'll suggest that they look up SLAP events, which happen regularly. SWLT are organising a 2019 "Love Your Magnificent Severn" event starting in Shrewsbury on 11th June. We will participate again, clearing the banks between the Welsh Bridge and the weir. • Media and Publicity – Website, Facebook Discussion. Chris Crean has given Mike the details of the person who designed Birmingham FoE's website. It was agreed that Mike would contact them with a view to he and Tony meeting with them. Mike and Tony will then bring proposals to the next meeting. • Membership Alan raised the issue of having a drive to increase our membership – which was discussed. Alan agreed to give his proposal some thought and bring suggestions to the next meeting. He will contact national and regional FoE to see if they know of any local group who has recently run such a campaign, or if they can offer suggestions. • Recycling Emails have gone to the Waste department of Shropshire Council with the proposal that they put divided litter bins in the town centre – incorporating space for newspapers, plastic bottles, drinks cans and general waste. It has also been suggested that they ask supermarkets etc (places where the bring banks are located) to clear the sites. Asda has already agreed to do this. 	<p style="text-align: center;">SJ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MR TG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FO JC SF BP</p>

Tetrapaks are a particular concern. 26 tons were collected last year – about 3/4million cartons. Frank is contacting Tetrapak national headquarters to find out more about who collects the paks at bring banks and what they intend for the future when bring banks in Shropshire are closed.

Judy has heard from Veolia who will welcome a group of up to 20 people to their sorting centre north of Wolverhampton to see the processes. Judy will follow up and set a date. This will be advertised to members.

JC

- **Green Guide: Regular Column on the Environment in Shrewsbury Chronicle**

Second article has appeared – this has become a Chronicle campaign! Proposals for the next columns include microfibers, textiles, washing powders; kitchen & bathroom, microbeads. Also, recycling what people would have taken to bring banks.

GG Group

The Shrewsbury Cup is to be launched on 3 April. There will be a sticker in the cafes that will accept them.

On 6 April, the Zero Waste shop will open in the Darwin Centre.

- **NWRR**

Dave Green is leading on this. The sub-group of SWLT, CPRE, STS, SFoE has met. It is unclear what steps the Council has to take before it can use the funding it's received. Julian Dean is closely watching the situation. He has spoken to Extinction Rebellion members and suggested they all write to their councillors.

- **Air quality**

Mike has met with Dan Morris, his local councillor and leader of the Shropshire Conservative group, and Matthew Clarke Environmental Officer who does the air quality monitoring. Matthew has applied for a grant from DEFRA for portable monitors and is keen to use them effectively. Mike was amazed that neither Dan nor Matt knew anything about the SITP town centre proposals to put in speed humps. Mike gave a presentation to the local Labour Party Central Branch and is happy to do the same wherever wanted.

MR FO BP

It was decided to send a letter to councillors soon, tying it in with Harlescott primary school's action on cars on 21 March.

- **SITP**

Frank and Barbara sent in a comment on the consultation. The Council plans to install road humps in the town centre and extend the 20mph to new streets, to try to exclude "unnecessary vehicles". Frank and Barbara queried what "unnecessary vehicles" are, and proposed they be excluded all together. They also commented that humps would make no difference to the speed of traffic/ease of pedestrian crossing and that 20mph should include all the streets inside the river loop and also Frankwell.

BP FO

It was agreed that SFoE's comments should be circulated more widely.

- **XR**

The climate emergency motion was passed by Shrewsbury Town Council, but they rejected the amendment to cancel the NWRR. Dave wrote a strong letter to Alan Mosley following that decision.

The same motion will go to Shropshire Council on 16 May. People are asked to collect outside the Shirehall to demonstrate at 10.30 (?) on that day. Julian is deciding what amendments he should attach to that motion. If you have ideas, please send them to Julian in April.

All

A piece about XR has been put in the GG.

- **Planning and Development Issues**

Greenfields have been given the right to take forward their judicial review and are very actively fundraising for the costs.

Planning applications or issues of interest - none raised

- **Big Town Plan**

	<p>Seb Slater CEO of BID has replied to Barbara's email saying that BID are soon going to appoint someone to lead on the advancement of the BTP. That person will expect to work in collaboration with organisations and individuals in Shrewsbury.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shrewsbury Growing Forward Tony went to the last Strategy Group meeting. They discussed air quality, the design of new housing and the intensity of development. Julian is writing letters on behalf of the Civic Society. Ian Kilby has dropped the idea of the Shrewsbury Test which would have imposed a quality test on developers' proposals. Frank and Barbara will discuss whether to pursue this last issue in some way. • Global Justice & talk by John Vidal Global Justice have sent us some fliers and posters and their circulation list. Barbara send list to Judy who will combine it with ours and will suggest where best to take our fliers/posters. • GSX : Newsletter going out to members soon. The AGM is being planned. 	<p>FO BP</p> <p>BP JC</p>
National / Regional FoE		
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 points Members' email NWRR; air quality letter to councillors; Chronicle article; visit to Veolia(?) 	BP FO
AOB		
Events	<p>16 May 10.30 (?) People are asked to collect outside the Shirehall to demonstrate support for the climate emergency motion.</p> <p>8th June Birmingham Training Day on Climate Change.</p>	
Next SFoE mtg	6 May 2019. 7.30 The Alb	