## **Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth**

## Business Meeting Monday 5 June 7.30pm Lion Hotel

## Notes

Present	Barbara Phillips, Mike Richardson, Tony Green, Philip Pool, Judy Coleridge, Sheila Jones, Frank Oldaker		
Apologies	Sue Fisher		
Agenda Item	Notes	Action	
Notes	Notes of business meeting 8.5.17- Agreed		
Matters arising	Barbara and Frank still to examine the "Social Value Charter" No communication from Martin Beardwell re possible stall at the proposed event at The Hermitage on 22 <sup>nd</sup> July. Tony will contact him.	BP FO AG	
Local Campaigns, Projects and Issues	AGM was held. Two applications for grants received.  SFoE will apply for funding for bat boxes to be sited along the stretch of the Rea Brook dealt with under the Clear Up campaign.  Sustainable Transport Shropshire  Air Quality – Mike reported on his research and his liaison with Matthew Clark at Shropshire Council:-  National modelling is carried out by DEFRA to see if the UK is conforming to EU Directives and the national clean air strategy targets areas where modelling indicates limits are exceeded. (the concern is NO2 as the UK conforms for all other pollutants). The modelling results indicate Shropshire is OK. Looking further at the DEFRA data it seems that areas in Shrewsbury that were modelled were Bellevue and Frankwell so not the problem locations. We don't know why these were chosen!  Nevertheless SC has Air Quality Management Areas and there is no less pressure to reduce NO2 levels. At present SC has to produce two documents - An Annual Status Report (ASR) and an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP). The first was due in April but adjustment factors needed were not provided by DEFRA in time so now it is expected to be completed by the end of June. Once agreed with DEFRA it will be on the SC website. The AQAP is more complicated and expected date for completion is March 2018 when it will be published for consultation. Obviously the Local Transport Plan is relevant to air quality and won't be prepared in isolation.  The "plan" published by DEFRA on 5th May, following Client Earth's success in The Supreme Court, has an annex which supposedly is the "best available forecast of UK local authorities with one or more roads with concentrations of NO2 above statutory limits." Shropshire is not on this list and we were able to make this point to Client Earth at their book launch in Church Stretton. James Thornton was very interested and said they would investigate further because clearly there are probably other areas with problems that are not mentioned as well. They are seeking to challenge in court the adequacy		
	considerable interest to the Town Council.  Sustainable Transport Infrastructure Plan – Barbara reported that Mike Streetly and John Shaddock were preparing an application to the DoT for funds to prepare a proper plan. Not sure of current position so will check. Timing an issue because needs to be done to feed into the LTP.	BP	
	Abbey Foregate Access to the Railway Station – Michael Willmot has just sent an update on the recent action taken. We feel that pushing the issue harder with Clive Wright may be worthwhile. Also there seems to be scope for more cooperation between the interested parties. Barbara will email Michael suggesting a meeting.	BP	

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	20mph Speed Limits - John Whitelegg has contacted Barbara as he wants to organise a conference in Shrewsbury and wants suggested venues. We feel either the URC or UCS are suitable and that October is the earliest time - to avoid other events and holidays etc. Barbara will reply.  A petition has been started asking for the limit to be introduced on all residential roads and we will email our supporters	BP FO
	North West Relief Road and Oxon Link Road  Mike raised issue of constant assertions by our MP and others that the NWRR will solve traffic congestion in the town centre. Frank will send a letter to the Star/Chronicle contesting this assumption.	, FO
	Rea Brook clean-up:	
	Sheila has managed to create a good working relationship with Asda and her requests for work to be done are being actioned. Himalayan balsam has been cleared but there is still litter on the steep banks. There is also some clearing to be done around the recycling area.  Further upstream behind Greenhous and Cineworld they were recently asked to do some minor clearing and she will check that has been done.	SJ
	Flower Show Waste and Litter	
	Zero Waste have been awarded the Waste Contract.	
	Green Guide	
	Updating is ongoing. Website renewal has been done at cost of £192 for 2 years. We will select Client Earth as our highlighted subject for our next update email.	JC MR SF SJ
	Planning Issues	
	Weir Hill – Philip submitted comments jointly with STS. Frank contacted Robin Mager at SWLT who had already examined the proposals from an environmental aspect. His view was there was little to criticise and there could even be benefits. Therefore seemed appropriate to leave Philip's submission as our single response.	
	Dana footpath can now be constructed.	
	Membership.	50.45
	Frank and Mike hadn't met to update list. Database of members is up to date so need is to revise email groups.	FO MR
	Treasurer	
	Banking Arrangements – Coop Bank haven't managed to make arrangements with the Post Office for Coop customers to do transactions at selected PO's. Instead they have introduced a system for our received cheques to be sent by post to the bank. Recruiting to take over from Tony in November – Barbara drafted an email which will be sent to members once email list is updated.	FO
	Bishops Castle Michaelmas Fair	
	They seem to have covered the Bee campaign issues themselves but we will confirm that there is nothing specific we can add.	FO
National FoE	Air pollution campaign:	
	This national FoE campaign timing at the end of June seems odd. The Government Plan – which Client Earth are attempting to challenge – is open for consultation until 15 <sup>th</sup> June and then publication is programmed for 31 <sup>st</sup> July. We feel we are campaigning on the issue anyway so will decline to take part.	ВР

Communication	4 points Members' email:  We will include Flower Show Waste Contract, Client Earth and Air Pollution in Shrewsbury.	JC FO
	Printed newsletter	
	Need to consider further. Possibly produce in size and format so can be placed at locations around the town.	
АОВ	Book – Client Earth - Agreed copy Tony purchased should be the SFoE copy and he be reimbursed.	
Dates	26 <sup>th</sup> June - 19-30 -Talk by Dave Green at The Three Tuns in Bishops Castle "Renewable Energy – How far have we come / Where are we going"	
	9 <sup>th</sup> July 10-00 – 16-00 – Ludlow Green Festival in the Market Square	
	22 July "Save Money, Save Waste" event at Hermitage Centre. Stalls. (Still to be confirmed)	
	16 <sup>th</sup> September 10-00- Electric Vehicles in the Coop car park in Church Stretton	
	16 <sup>th</sup> September 11-00 onwards - Merefest in Ellesmere	
	23 <sup>rd</sup> September - Michaelmas Fair in Bishops Castle	
Next Meeting	Monday 3 July 2017- 7.30pm The Lion Hotel	All