

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting: 11 June 2012: 7.30pm: Marches Energy Agency

Notes

Present	Judy Coleridge, Sue Fisher, Dave Green, Ian Gregson, Jon Haycox, Frank Oldaker, Barbara Phillips, Philip Pool	
Apologies	John Rice, Judith Rice, Mike Richardson, Denise Thompson	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of meeting on 30.4.12	Agreed	
Matters arising not on agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incinerator Dave, Frank and Barbara met with Mark Phillips who thinks there may be a chance of challenging SC to undertake a formal review of the incinerator decision, on policy grounds because of the changed circumstances since the initial decision was taken. Letter sent to Kim Ryley, CEO of SC. • Town Centre Traffic Frank, Ian, Philip & Barbara and Doug Allen from S Town Residents Assoc met with Andrew Bannerman. AB's small group that was looking at traffic has been subsumed into a wider group chaired by Shrewsbury director Clive Wright. AB was not sure what the terms of ref of that group were. Unclear quite how to proceed. SFOE members agreed to try and explore data re pedestrianisation in town centres. Barbara pursuing that. • Ironbridge E.On power station Biofuelwatch and Telford FoE (and SFOE as a signatory) sent a letter to SC arguing that they should have undertaken a full environmental assessment of the whole site. SC replied with full legal explanation refuting this. • FoE Spring Regional Gathering. Apologies sent. No-one attended. 	BP
SAMDev and Planning/development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAMDev Barbara sent an email to SC Democratic services to say that we think the consultation is not being well enough advertised. <p>Frank attended one STC meeting about Preston St development. Aim of the meeting was to inform STC's submission to SC about the proposals. People who attended were very angry.</p> <p>Frank will attend the meeting on 12th June and Ian, Sue and Barbara go to the meeting on 19th June. Frank will draft a submission from SFOE. Agreed that we should meet up with Robin Mager, Head of Planning, and Selby Martin from SWLT to ensure a co-ordinated response. There are individual targets for particular sites in the core strategy: 60% of development should be on brownfield sites, 25% on SUEs and 15% elsewhere. Master plans are being prepared for the SUEs, but other sites are still in the very early stages.</p> <p>We will feature SAMDev on our SWLT stall and suggest that people write in to SC/STC with comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning & development remit/brief Philip and Barbara drafted a document re SFOE's planning/development standards. Previous efforts have been made to get SC to adopt development standards that are higher than government guidelines but these failed in the face of opposition from the developers. If we produce a document, it will help inform us and we could in principle send the standards to the developers for info. <p>Frank and Philip will attend the Planning Masterclass advertised for 30 June.</p>	<p>FO</p> <p>?</p>

	<p>Continue discussion at next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling facilities in Shrewsbury: Some disappointment at cycling facilities on Smithfield Road. Unsure of cyclists' status on shared use path. Include this issue in planning/development discussion at next meeting 	
<p>National Campaigns: Greener Products</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greener products campaign – national plans Jon checked FoE website. Info re this campaign is being gathered now and the campaign will be in 2012/13. <p>Will make it a feature on the SWLT stall and ask people to nominate poor products.</p>	<p>JH</p>
<p>Waste and recycling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Guide Award of £2,811 from Nat Lottery AWA. Website builder and designer chosen. We need to decide on a variety of issues including design, content, SFoE image etc. Jon will put onto his laptop all the other FoE greenguide-type websites and make them available at the next meeting. <p>Discuss issue at next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCRL – discussion postponed • SFoE and recycling – discussion postponed 	<p>JH</p>
<p>Communications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating with members and supporters. Sue's computer speed still very slow. Agreed that each month, the business meeting will suggest what items to highlight to members, Sue will compose a short update and Barbara will circulate to members. <p>We need to ensure that the new logo is on all our communications. Judy ask Mike to put onto website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating with other groups: GSX – discussion postponed • Newsletter Decide what the content should be in our Sept meeting and circulate in October. ○ Facebook and Twitter – discussion postponed 	<p>SF, BP</p> <p>JC</p>
<p>Walks +Talks</p>	<p>Discussion postponed</p>	
<p>Diary</p>	<p>SFoE stall Shrewsbury Green Fair, Shropshire Wildlife Trust 7 July. Judy, Sue, Ian, Barbara and Frank can help. Will feature SAMDev and Greener Products. SFoE stall in Square 6 Oct.</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Treasurer's report John reported that there is £2,329 in the bank. ○ FoE Regional report Barbara to circulate to business members and Sue to consider for information to members 	<p>BP. SF</p>
<p>Future dates of business meetings</p>	<p>Monday 2 July at Jon Haycox's house: 47 Sutton Way. The meeting will start at 7.00 and we will have a short break in the middle. Two main items on agenda: Green guide and development remit.</p>	