

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Notes of Business Meeting- Monday 3 December 2012: 7.30pm: Marches Energy Agency

Present	Mike Richardson, Sue Fisher, Judy Coleridge, Frank Oldaker ,Philip Pool	
Apologies	Barbara Phillips, Dave Green, Judith Rice, John Rice, Ian Gregson, Denise Thompson.	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of meeting on 1.10.12 And 5.11.12	<p>Accepted</p> <p>This meeting was to discuss the process, work done and consequences arising from our attempt to get a Judicial Review of the merits of proceeding with the incinerator. The amount of work put in by Mark was acknowledged and his account given at the meeting was appreciated as being clear and detailed. The notes are a comprehensive record.</p>	
Matters arising	Items are on agenda	
Local Campaigns/projects	<p>Incinerator: At present little we can do. Possible that technology likely to be adopted soon by another Council will show how expensive the incinerator will be.</p> <p>Green Guide: Meeting held with Web Orchard last week. Very positive as they brought ideas and expressed enthusiasm for the project. Recycling section has been updated by James Thompson but necessary to decide who updates the other parts and what the section headings should be . Judy,Sue and Mike are meeting later in the week. Judy has a suggested list of the sections required.</p> <p>Cardboard collection: Judy is arranging a collection point in Castlefields and volunteers to help are wanted.</p> <p>Walks and Talks: Two potential visits are to Duratrust in Chester and to Lower Wallop Farm. Agreed that the former will be of wide interest and the latter will be arranged by Shropshire Organic Gardeners on behalf of both Groups. Discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>Planning: Felt that Taylor Wimpey proposals for Sutton Farm could be worse. However, still concerns that the wildlife value of the Rea Valley will not be fully respected. Comments made.</p> <p>On-line petitions: Noted that options to start petitions are readily available. Change.org Is one and Avaaz also have facility for individuals to do so too. Those on change.org at present not particularly relevant to us.</p>	JC, MR, SF
Communications issues	<p>Membership. Discussed issues again but no conclusions. We didn't get full details from people who filled in our sheet on the stall. Felt that children(u18) of members can be members themselves without paying a subscription. Agreed sub for unwaged if paying for 3 years membership should be £16.</p> <p>Paypal: Internet banking is to be set up. Using Paypal to pay subs or donations will be arranged.</p> <p>Website – Business section to be updated</p> <p>Facebook – Not being used.</p>	MR
National Campaigns	<p>Make It Better campaign (was called Green Products campaign) Pack has just arrived but feeling of the meeting is that how we proceed is not obvious. To be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>Fuel Poverty Campaign No action decided</p>	
AGM matters arising	<p>Changing wording of Constitution to:</p> <p>9. That the quorum of a General Meeting shall be 4 members. If that quorum is not met, group policy cannot be altered or formulated, nor can any expenditure above £50 be sanctioned. This quorum and level of expenditure was agreed by Annual General Meeting on 6.11.2012.</p>	

Other items	Partnership renewal with FoE deadline 31 Dec SFoE archives: Various people hold part of "the archive". Whether or how to pull it all together is a major issue. Dave holds most but through the years the coordinators may or may not have kept documents.	FO BP
Diary	Christmas Drinks, Tuesday 11th December, from 8pm onwards, at the 3 Fishes, Fish Street	
AOB	Email offers in background info sheet	
Future dates of business meetings	Next business meeting: Monday 7 January 2013	