

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting: 3 September 2012: 7.30pm: Marches Energy Agency

Notes

Present	Judy Coleridge, Sue Fisher, Dave Green, Mike Richardson, Frank Oldaker, Barbara Phillips, Philip Pool	
Apologies	John Rice, Judith Rice, Jon Haycox, Denise Thompson	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes of meeting on 11.6.12	Agreed	
Matters arising from Update on Action/News issued with agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incinerator Dave gave a brief update on action in the past few days. Mike queried the position re costs that might be incurred and there was a discussion on this. If The Court grant our request for protection from costs then major expenditure won't be an issue. • Town Centre Traffic Search for data on town centre pedestrianisation schemes still ongoing. 	BP
Communications Issues	<p>GSX Following account of present situation from Denise there were a number of questions. What are "the rules"?--- SC have said they want to deal with one representative (David Currant)from the GSX membership so how is this to work? ---- Can we see The Constitution?--- What is the 'framework' for use of the website? (Sue had accessed it and reported there was very little there) Judy agreed to email Denise with these points.</p> <p>VSA (Voluntary Sector Assembly) Discussed whether we want to be represented. After discussion it was agreed that as its membership is open to all voluntary groups environmental matters would be a small part of the agenda. Felt we should concentrate our energy more specifically on matters/ groups dealing with our core issues.</p>	JC
National Campaigns:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greener products campaign This is still being developed . • Bee Campaign and Clean Energy There are "Action Days" planned that we can take part in. We offered to do one on 6th Oct when we have our stall in The Square and this has been agreed. It was decided we would prefer "Clean Energy". Barbara will advise NatFoE. and ask for any props that are available. Judy,Barbara,Denise,Sue.Frank and Ian are available. Logistics of getting tables and sale items transported was discussed. 	BP JC BP DT SF FO IG
Waste and recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Guide Website Award of £2,811 from Nat Lottery AWA has been received. Following July meeting at Barbara's when we viewed GG websites of other organisations around the country we have a much better idea of what we want.The Brighton site was liked best. A meeting will be arranged with Web Orchard to brief them.(Judy, Sue and Mike will attend) A particular issue is that we want it to be built so that we can update and maintain it ourselves. Some categories in the existing guide can be combined. It was agreed that a review of the content was essential before inclusion in the new version. This work can be spread 	JC SF MR JC

	<p>around as before. Barbara raised the issue of “ethics” and whether we should be ensuring that all entrants were ethical in their activities/businesses. Although desirable we haven’t the means to do the vetting necessary so decided that our previous approach that an entrant should be “Green” will continue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCRL A brief appraisal of the value of attending took place and it was agreed that we should continue. We will review if felt to be necessary. Judy unable to go to next meeting on 20th September so Sue will attend. 	SF
Communications	<p>..New Logo Mike confirmed website logo updated</p> <p>. Newsletter Briefly considered whether to stop producing newsletters and move to more frequent updating by emails as we have started to do. Rejected idea because newsletters go to councillors as well as members and not all members have email. Agreed we should get a newsletter ready before our stall on 6th Oct. Articles by 21st Sept. :- Dave—Incinerator Frank---SAMDev and SUE’s Judy ----Recycling and GG Philip---Road island refuge in Smithfield Road Richard Davies----Article on secondary glazing</p> <p>. Updating Email Sue has been sending out and all agreed it was a valuable means of communicating</p> <p>. Website Dave has been doing but Mike agreed to take over from now</p> <p>. Facebook and Twitter – discussion postponed</p>	<p>DG FO JC PP PP</p> <p>MR</p>
Walks +Talks	. Because of lack of support at some events we haven’t organised any recently. Still consider we should run some and ideas are sought.	ALL
Diary	<p>. Transition Town Shrewsbury 22Sept. Evening at The Coffee House, Castle Foregate.---Details from TTS.</p> <p>. SFoE stall in Square 6 Oct. Fundraising sale of books and bric a brac.(Donations of “stuff” wanted)</p>	ALL
AOB	<p>○ Treasurer’s report John reported that there is £2,341 in the bank.</p> <p>. Supporters / Members Sue suggested we should start a supporters list. Felt that although we have a small membership there are many people who would be willing to be classed as “supporters” These could include entrants in the GG as well as those signing up. A commitment that they support the principles of FoE would be all that we required. We would only communicate with them electronically so there will be no cost. Agreed we will offer it at our stall on 6th Oct.as a start.</p>	
Future dates of business meetings	Monday 1st October at Marches Energy Agency at 7-30pm.	