

**Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth**  
**Notes of Business Meeting**  
**30th April 2012 7.30**  
**Marches Energy Agency**

<b>Present</b>	Sue Fisher, Judy Coleridge; Philip Pool, Frank Oldaker , Ian Gregson	
<b>Apologies</b>	Barbara Phillips, Denise Thompson, Mike Richardson , Judith Rice; John Rice, Jon Haycox; Dave Green	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Notes of meeting 2.4.12</b>	Correction: Stall in The Square is 6 <sup>th</sup> October not 8 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Matters arising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town centre traffic. Ian, Philip, Barbara and Frank met with Doug Allen from S Town Centre Residents Assoc. Agreed there is a lot of common ground and next step was to arrange a meeting with Andrew Bannerman to discuss how far his initiatives have gone. Once we understand what has been achieved up to now it will be possible to suggest ways forward without duplicating previous studies etc.</li> <li>• Walks and talks. Not pursuing visit to Denso. Denise not available for Ludlow Green Festival so we won't have a stall..</li> <li>• Hydro Exhibition. About 600 people attended. Dave helped at some venues.</li> </ul>	<b>BP</b>
<b>Incinerator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SC have decided not to review the contract. Also the letter to central government requesting a review has received a negative reply.</li> <li>• The Ombudsman route is not applicable because issues that affect a large number of council tax payers can't be investigated. Their remit is geared towards dealing with individual complaints.</li> <li>• It may still be possible to pursue by legal process the lack of a review and this is being investigated.</li> </ul>	<b>BP, DG, FO</b>
<b>Communications</b>	<p><b>Green Guide.</b>  Application for "Awards for All" lottery grant was submitted on 16<sup>th</sup> April. Judy will email them to confirm it has been received. 3 months before we know if successful. Agreed we keep updating on the website.</p> <p><b>Facebook.</b>  No report as Jon not available.  Jon to circulate info re personal privacy and Facebook</p> <p><b>Communicating with members and supporters.</b>  Sue and Mike have spent time on implementing Gmail but now found that the communication speed at Sue's is so slow it will not work. She will try from someone else's computer (Barbara and Frank offered) Mike believes her connection is faulty and issue should be raised with the service provider.</p> <p><b>FoE's new image</b>  A pack of props has been received. Some of these were shown to the meeting and it was emphasised that the new logo should be used from now on. We are also using different colours so all materials from the past will have to be "inventively" reused.</p> <p><b>Communicating with other groups – GSX</b>  Judith submitted a report: The Steering Group prioritised 10 actions out of the ideas put forward at the conference. Facilitating networking, being a point of contact and information, promoting green projects, sharing ideas and inspiring others, developing the website, engaging with youth and initiating cross sector working etc.</p>	<p><b>JC</b></p> <p><b>JH</b></p> <p><b>MR SF</b></p>

	Judith feels it is time for someone else to take over representing SfoE and we will need to decide how we proceed and who attends.	
<b>National campaigns</b>	We have agreed to support the Green Products campaign. This campaign is still being developed and will be rolled out later in the year.	
<b>E.On and Ironbridge Power Station</b>	The demo was attended by Telford FoE, Shrewsbury FoE, Regional FoE, local residents, and Biofuelwatch. It was as effective as we could make it but the Planning Committee approved the application. The possibility of challenging the emissions permitting process with the Environment Agency is being checked.	
<b>Planning</b>	<p><b>SAMDev.</b> We have attended meetings and Frank will coordinate further action leading to preparation of the submission.</p> <p><b>Gyratory.</b> Frank and Philip to prepare our comments</p> <p><b>Planning remit.</b> Next meeting will concentrate on Planning and how we work as a Group on all the issues that come under that heading.</p>	<p><b>FO</b></p> <p><b>FO,PP</b></p>
<b>Diary</b>	<p><b>FoE Spring Regional Gathering.</b> The West Midlands event. 11am on 26 May. Birmingham Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham, B3 3BS. People to consider whether they want to go.</p> <p><b>SFoE stall Shrewsbury Green Fair,</b> Shropshire Wildlife Trust 7 July</p> <p><b>SFoE stall in Square</b> 6 Oct.</p> <p>For the Green Fair on 7 July Judy, Sue, Ian and Frank confirmed they could help. Need suggestions for stall content – something for children, theme etc.</p>	
<b>AoB</b>	None	
<b>Future dates of business meetings</b>	Monday 11 June Monday 2 July	