

## Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

**Business Meeting  
Monday 8th April 2013 7.30pm Marches Energy Agency**

### Notes of the Meeting

<b>Present</b>	Barbara Phillips, Sue Fisher, Judy Coleridge, Mike Richardson, Philip Pool, Frank Oldaker	
<b>Apologies</b>	John Rice, Denise Thompson	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
Finance	Shropshire Organic Gardeners have agreed to make a donation to Shrewsbury FoE of £300. Barbara will write a letter of thanks when money received including some information on what we spend it on.	BP
Notes of meeting on 4.3.13	Green Guide – Philip had done his section.  It is Cae Post and Cwm Harry.	
Matters arising	Cardboard Christmas.- Castlefields Community Group, who supported the people working on the day, have now received the contribution they were promised. It has been confirmed that Pink Skips is being liquidated.	
Local Campaigns/projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Green Guide</b> Mike showed the website live and there was approval of the design of the front page. Slight concern where there is green text against a light green background. Judy will raise with Ron.</li> </ul> <p>There was a prolonged discussion on the organisation of the launch in The Square on 1st June. Frank and Philip can't be there and Mike is doubtful. As it is also our sale of books and bric a brac the transport and handling of tables from the SWLT and the goods for sale requires cars and people. Options were considered and it was decided to go ahead as planned but to keep the possibility open of dropping the bric a brac sale if logistics too difficult.</p> <p>We want to have laptop(s) available to demonstrate the website live. SFoE's is available and Mike has one if he is here but there needs to be at least one more because battery life is limited. Friends nearby would probably allow us to recharge batteries to help out. Can get by with one on at a time but it will need to be shaded to ensure visibility in daylight. (cardboard box?)</p> <p>Sue will email out to members asking for help to staff the stall, provide transport and laptops.</p> <p>Judy will ask Dave and Tony Green specifically and also Katy Anderson whether TTS members could help out.</p> <p>Leaflets-We will have 5000 leaflets. Judy will discuss with Ron and ask for the inclusion of a QR code.</p> <p>Banner- We had a banner advertising the previous GG's and need a new one for this edition. Agreed that it should be based on the leaflet design but obviously modified to suit the banner shape which is fixed by the mounting frame. Frank to measure and send dimensions to Judy.</p> <p>Frank to check which firm at Battlefield prints banners (It is "Sign and Poster", 4, Henry Close, Battlefield Enterprise Park, SY1 3TJ Tel 01743 466002) Ron then to be asked by Judy to quote for doing the artwork ready to print.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>SF</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC</p> <p>FO</p> <p>FO JC</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardboard collection – kerbside - no discussion</li> <li>•</li> <li>• Walks and Talks</li> <li>• The visit to Lower Wallop Farm in conjunction with SOGS will be on 16th June. starting at 2-00 pm. We will advertise by email and ask people to confirm that they wish to attend. Car sharing can then be arranged.</li> <li>•</li> <li>• Planning: planning process including consultation</li> <li>• Philip has raised issue of advert6ising Planning Applications in The Chronicle but SC will only use The Star. Doubt they are even doing that. Philip will pursue.</li> <li>• Eco houses are under construction in Greenfields-in Falstaff Street. No details available but Philip will investigate.</li> <li>•</li> <li>• Town centre traffic/air quality – no discussion</li> <li>•</li> <li>• GSX</li> <li>• Frank emailed Steering Group members directly asking whether GSX could not also be a campaigning organisation. David Currant as Chair replied saying they would discuss at their next meeting.</li> <li>•</li> <li>• Co wheels</li> <li>• Has been launched in Shrewsbury but needs members so tell friends, acquaintances and especially residents within the river loop who don't have parking. Put in our email info.</li> <li>•</li> <li>• SCRL</li> <li>• Still feel it would be of benefit for two members of SCRL to be involved in the consideration of new collection vehicles. Next meeting of SCRL is 22 May at 10-00.</li> </ul>	<p>SF</p> <p>PP</p> <p>PP</p> <p>All</p> <p>SF</p>
Communications issues	<p>Website- email forwarding</p> <p>Emails to “coordinator@--“ are forwarded to Barbara and Frank. Barbara can reply under the coordinator address but Frank can't. Could be set up to do so. Sue wishes to be set up as “membership secretary@--“</p>	MR
National Campaigns	<p>Make It Better campaign</p> <p>No response from schools yet. Will wait a bit longer and then follow up.</p> <p>Bee Campaign</p> <p>Agreed that if available we would help National FoE by attending actions/events in Owen Paterson@s constituency. Frank will email Fordhall Farm to see if they will offer support and will inform Tim Atkinson who made the request.</p>	<p>BP/FO</p> <p>ALL FO</p>
Diary	<p>1 June- SFoE stall in Market Square</p> <p>16 June- Visit to Lower Wallop Organic Farm (Joint visit with Shropshire Organic Gardeners)</p>	
AOB	<p>Motions to conference</p> <p>Hedgerows</p> <p>We have decided to withdraw this motion for this year. The issue is more complicated than we first appreciated so more research is needed then we can decide whether to resubmit it next year.</p>	BP/FO

	<p><b>Other Motions – Our Views</b>  The other submitted motions were considered and it was agreed we vote for the ones on support for “Young FoE” and against “Fracking”  Stratford on Avon Local Group has asked if we would support their motion to create a demonstration eco village in the midlands. It was felt that this sort of project was outside our range of campaigning activity and such projects had been and would be better carried out by other groups. In view of this we will inform them that we don’t wish to second their proposal.</p>	<p><b>BP</b></p>
<p><b>Future dates of business meetings</b></p>	<p><b>Next business meeting: Monday 13th May 2013 7.30pm: Marches Energy Agency  (6th May is Bank Holiday)</b></p>	