Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting Monday 1st October 2018 7.30pm The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station)

Notes

Present	Frank Oldaker, Tony Green, Mike Richardson, Clive Parsons, Judy Coleridge, Sheila Jones, Sue Fisher, Barbara Phillips	
Apologies	Emma Charles, Philip Pool, Beth Holgate, Katy Chandler	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes	Notes of Business Meeting 10 th Sept 2018. Agreed	
Matters arising from 10 Sept	Items not on agenda Data protection Frank has finished the work and believes that we are now compliant with the law!	
Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues	The Plastic Problem: talk There was lengthy discussion and tasks were shared out between members of the group. Tasks will be circulated separately from the notes NB Everyone to arrive at the venue at 6.30 if possible. Thanks Media and Publicity - Website	All
	Emma has sent a screen shot of the proposed website layout to some people. Frank to circulate more widely. It was agreed that we will deal with this at our December meeting when Emma and Katy can be present.	FO
	Regular Column on the Environment in Star or Chronicle Judy to circulate the draft that she has done.	JC
	Rea Brook and Litter Picking Nothing new to report	
	Plastics and Green Guide The regular column in the local press will be one way of publicising the GG. Other than that, discussion continues in the GG group. Fliers were available for members to take to put out into venues.	
	AGM Barbara will check the constitution to be sure within what timescale the AGM must happen.	BP
	Sue will visit the university re the availability of a room and agree a date with all of us via email. Proposed dates: Tuesdays 4 th or 11 th Dec or Thursdays of those weeks	SF
	NWRR and The Oxon Link Midlands Connect has been sent the Outline Business Case by Shropshire Council. So we have forwarded a copy to them of the objections we sent to the DfT. We also sent them our comments on the Oxon Link Road, which is receiving an enormous number of objections from people and organisations in Shrewsbury.	
	Big Town Plan Frank and Barbara went to the recent workshop and felt that the feedback was positive from SC officers re the steps they are already taking in line with the BTP. eg Ian Kilby, Senior Planning Officer, is beginning to draft Shrewsbury standards (along the lines of the Cambridge Housing Guidelines) which will be presented to developers to show what characteristics SC are expecting from new builds. SC, Shrewsbury Town Council and BID all seem committed to the proposals.	

	Local groups were asked to sign up to particular areas of development if they wanted to be included in discussions about what the next steps should be. We signed up for "Transport" and "Green Spaces". If any member wants to be involved with this – please say.	
	Air quality The 2016 data is now on the website. The AQMA action plan is also out of date. Mike will continue to push for updated data. Judy will speak to Alan Mosley about getting it.	MR JC
	Planning and Development Issues Nothing new. SWLT and local people are campaigning to have Mousecroft Lane turned into a nature reserve. Greenfields has been given permission for development Tony submitted an objection re the flats on Ellesmere Road.	
	GSX Nothing new to report	
National / Regional FoE	 Bee Campaign. Nothing new to report Campaign against making "Fracking" a permitted development Frank sent an email to all councillors asking them to formally object to the government's plan to bypass local authorities when giving permission for fracking. Peter Nutting wrote back to say that SC will be responding. Most Tory councils are objecting. 	
Communication	4 points Members' email and printed newsletter Send out info re the Plastics problem talk.	FO
AOB		
Upcoming dates		
Next SFoE meeting	Monday 12 November at The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station) 7.30pm	ALL