## **Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth**

## Business Meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 7.30pm The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station)

## Notes

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Present	Judy Coleridge, Sheila Jones, Sue Fisher, Barbara Phillips, Mike Richardson, Clive F Charles, Katy Chandler, Frank oldaker	Parsons, Emma
Apologies	Tony Green, Beth Holgate, Philip Pool	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes	Notes of Business Meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2018. Agreed	
Matters arising From 1 <sup>st</sup> October	None	
	Media and Publicity – Website Emma and Katy showed the meeting the progress on developing the new website. Comments were made and they will alter where agreed. Mike made the point that as material from the existing website is added to the new there is the issue of it then needing several amendments afterwards if the new site isn't made live fairly quickly.  Notes of meetings are added to the website by Mike each month and it was agreed this should continue as it is informative but also acts as an archive. In future they will be sent out by the Coordinators as a PDF - not a Word Doc. Emma and Katy confirmed that they expect to be able to maintain the new website when it is up and running  "Plastics Problem" event Mike got the Powerpoints from all three presenters and will put on the website. The people who signed up as wishing to take further action have been emailed by Ali and have been sent Colin Williamson's article.  Agreed Ali's slide of "what we can do" should go in the Green Guide with the advice prepared by Stretton Climate Care.  Agreed we email members and those who signed up as "Supporters" at the event with more info and an update. Judy will diraft and Frank will issue The request from Liz and Pauline about public liability insurance for their proposed event in The Square in February was considered. Our insurance only covers us for SFoE events so they would need to join SFoE as members and run the event as a SFoE initiative. Judy will contact them.  David Vasmer (Councillor for Underdale) has contacted Barbara and asked if there is a motion he can table to SC or STC to help the cause. Maybe action he can take so Barbara will reply to consider options.  FoE have asked whether we are willing to meet our MP to ask that he supports their Action Plan. Agreed we would so Barbara will reply and we assume they will either request the meeting or advise us on the next steps.  Regular Column on the Environment in Star or Chronicle Decided that this could be a piece from the Green Guide each time and not coveri	EC,KC, MR  MR  BP, FO EC, KC  MR  MR  JC  JC, FO  JC  BP  BP  GG group  SJ  GG group  ALL

	Air quality Mike reported that he had received the data for 2017 after raising the issue with Dan Morris – his SC Councillor. Having examined it in some detail he is now liasing with Matthew Clark who produced it. The levels of NOx are similar to the previous year so action is needed. Mike is also briefing Dan Morris who has asked to be kept informed.  NWRR and The Oxon Link We haven't received the name of the person dealing with the submission from SC. As our comments have been submitted to the organisation we assume this will have been passed to the correct dept or individual and will await any further news. We learned that there is still hope in SC that more money will be allocated to The Large Local Majors Fund.  Big Town Plan Not discussed Planning and Development Issues New housing proposals and the Local Plan – Agreed this should be considered by a sub group of Tony, Clive and Frank who will also prepare SFoE's response to the coming consultation. No other applications or issues of interest were discussed GSX Not discussed. (For information – GSX produce a newsletter which is sent to the groups who are GSX members. In future the Coordinators will forward it to all attendees at our Business Meetings).	MR  AG,CP, FO  FO, BP
National / Regional FoE	<ul> <li>Bee Campaign – No new action at present</li> <li>Campaign against making "Fracking" a permitted development -Not discussed (For information SC sent us a copy of their response to the consultation which was critical of the proposal)</li> </ul>	
Communication	4 points Members' email and printed newsletter – To be a special on Plastics – ( see above – Review of Plastic Problem event)	JC, FO
AOB	Diary of Events – Judy has received a request as to whether we wish our events to be included in a diary which is intended to cover groups like Global Justice, Amnesty etc. Agreed we do want to be included.	JC .
Upcoming dates	AGM Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December - 7-00pm in Room 18 – University Centre Shrewsbury - (followed by Christmas Drinks in the pub)	ALL
Next SFoE meeting	No meeting in December and date for January to be advised later.	ALL