Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting Monday 4th March 2019 7.30pm The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station)

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| Present | Tony Green, Alan Leaman, Pauline Wilson, Barbara Phillips, Mike Richardson, Judy Coleridge, Sue Fisher, Sheila Jones, Frank Oldaker, Philip pool, John Morris, | | | |
| Apologies | Beth Holgate, Clive Parsons, Paula Allesandri-Gray, Simon Nightingale | | | |
| Agenda Item | Notes | Action | | |
| Notes | Notes of Business Meeting on 4 th February 2019 had been circulated. No amendments requested. | | | |
| Matters arising from 4 th February 2019 | Dealt with under the agenda | | | |
| Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues | Recycling Agreed it would be a positive move and in keeping with an "upgraded" Pride Hill, if new litter bins that allowed separation of recycling were provided. Several other issues were raised and discussed but decided a sub -group should be formed to consider action required. Gwillam Butler is now Portfolio holder for waste and Carmen Eccleston is officer responsible. NWRR Tony gave a review of recent events and the current situation. The sub- group had met and decided the campaign should continue. Dave had spoken at SWLT today and they are keen. Separately a resident of Coton Hill had emailed the DfT and the reply received said the scheme was still being considered for funding. There was no mention of Chris Grayling's promise to Daniel Kawczynski ???? If funding is awarded then Dave suggests initial actions be a public meeting in May and a walk of the route in the summer. Air quality Mike's postponed meeting with his SC Councillor now in diary for this Thursday. The review of the 2017 data has been published and proposed action is "to share it in the public health dept" ???? Release of 2018 data has been refused because adjustment factor from DfT still awaited. Bayston Hill is again over the limit, the AQMA having been cancelled 2 years ago because it was just under, No proposal to reinstate the AQMA illustrating that the whole problem is not being taken seriously. Mike is giving a ½ hr presentation to the local Labour Party Committee tomorrow as a start towards raising wider awareness of the situation. FoE finally released the data and map of the national situation and we did a supplementary press release. Not appeared in local press so far. We will send our proposed letter to councillors sooner rather than later. Brabara will collate and | BP FO | | |

| • | Big Town Plan Barbara has emailed Seb Slater re workshops but no reply yet. By chance Peter Gilbert met him and asked what was being arranged. Seb said they considered the subject areas were too wide and in any case funding had been applied for to employ a BTP Coordinator so all on hold. Growing Forward group is ongoing and Tony is attending a Strategy Group meeting tomorrow – representing SFoE and GSX. Both Shrewsbury and Oswestry have been included in bid for Government funding for town centre development. | AG |
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| • | Water campaign "Refill" (Making it easy to refill a water bottle) Pauline and Frank took part alongside Severn Trent and reported it was a successful day. 35 businesses signed up as "Refill" stations. The Refill App is available for anyone to use so businesses can sign up themselves or anyone can do it for them with their agreement so we can add others in future. The initiative was started by City to Sea. Tony reported that ST are doing a similar day in Newport. | |
| • | Green Guide: Regular Column on the Environment in Shrewsbury Chronicle First article appeared and editor is clearly pleased. His response indicates he wants us to continue with the plastics problem. There was discussion on other possible subjects and "Holidays" would be timely if | GG Group |
| | done soon. The GG group will meet and look at the options and will request input from others as required. We don't know how frequently the column will appear. Ali Thomas has asked if she can do the next column on the Shrewsbury Cup but agreed we would say better if she deals with that as a separate issue with her own press release. | JC |
| • | Extinction Rebellion The march from the library to The Square was very successful and attracted 200-300 people. They want people to gather at 5.30pm at The Guildhall for the STC meeting on 25th March when the adoption of a "Climate Crisis" motion is being debated. | ALL |
| • | Media and Publicity – Website Emma and Katy have been too busy to make further progress. Katy is moving to Canada in May but Emma offered to continue working on it in her summer hols. Barbara has said this is too much to ask. Decided issue needs more discussion so will put on the agenda for the next meeting. | BP FO |
| | Rea Brook and Litter Picking: Taylor Wimpey have cleared their compound. There is an accumulation of litter along the margin of the golf course by Oteley Road. Also area at Meole by The Wild Pig (formerly The Brooklands) – manager said he will contact owner. Sheila and Frank met contractor employed by Asda to look after the site. Core problem is they have reverted to an old plan to decide area they cover so recycling bin area and the triangle of land on the opposite side of the footpath are not being litter picked. The contractor was cooperative and we agreed to send copy of the land ownership map they should be using. | SJ SJ SJ ALL |
| | SWLT are organising a 2019 "Love Your Magnificent Severn" event starting in Shrewsbury on 11 th June. They want us to litter pick the banks from Welsh Bridge to The Weir. Sheila has arranged a litter pick for Thursday 21 st March in Meole | SJ ALL |

| | Brace starting opposite the church at 1.30pm and working until 4.00pm. A team she works with on other projects will be there too but we each need to advise her if we want to take part. GSX : Nothing to report | ALL |
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| National / Regional FoE | Air quality. See above | |
| Communication | 4 points Members' email To do one to include Chronicle column and the FoE Air Quality Map | BP |
| AOB | Need a piece in the GG about Extinction Rebellion | JC PW |
| Events | 25 th March – Extinction Rebellion – 5.30pm at The Guildhall – see above 8 th June Birmingham Training Day on Climate Change. | |
| Next SFoE mtg | 1 st April at The Alb – 7-30pm | |