

- **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.

- **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.

- **Global Justice & talk by John Vidal**

Global Justice are dealing with all arrangements. Nothing further since last meeting.

- **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 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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

SWLT are organising a 2019 “Love Your Magnificent Severn” event starting in Shrewsbury on 11th June. They want us to litter pick the banks from Welsh Bridge to The Weir.

Sheila has arranged a litter pick for Thursday 21st March in Meole

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	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSX : Nothing to report 	ALL
National / Regional FoE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality. See above 	
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>25th March – Extinction Rebellion – 5.30pm at The Guildhall – see above</p> <p>8th June Birmingham Training Day on Climate Change.</p>	
Next SFoE mtg	1 st April at The Alb – 7-30pm	