

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting

Monday 9th April 2018 7.30pm The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station)

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| Present | David Caton (from Global Justice for initial agenda item) Sue Fisher, Barbara Phillips, Clive Parsons, Sheila Jones, Judy Coleridge, Beth Holgate, Mike Richardson, Tony Green, Philip Pool, Frank Oldaker | |
| Apologies | Emma Charles | |
| Agenda Item | Notes | Action |
| Global Justice | <p>Discussion with David Caton from Global Justice. David explained that Shrewsbury GJ were a small but active group but believed that there were advantages in like minded groups working together. He is approaching groups like SFoE to discuss. There was a wide ranging exchange of views and it was agreed that we would work together to put on a programme of public talks from speakers well known in their fields of interest. Each group will look out for opportunities to invite such people with the objective of arranging three events/year. GJ are considering talks on migration policy and possibly divestment from fossil fuels. Joanna Blackman set up a local group which tried to persuade TC and TWC to divest In relation to their pension funds. Tony will send her contact details to David as that experience is useful.</p> | AG |
| Notes | <p>Notes of Business Meeting 5th March 2018 Under Rea Brook item. Dog litter bins are a suggestion but are not yet in place.</p> | |
| Matters arising From 5th March | <p>Items not on agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Switching banks. The necessary paperwork is in hand. ● GDPR We have learned(following a SOGS question to the Information Commissioners Office) that we do not need to obtain confirmation from members to continue to contact them. As our “supporters” database was compiled from various sources and there was no statement about our intended use of the information we will have to get confirmation from these that they wish to remain on our records and be contacted. We also have to have a privacy statement and define how we maintain security of the data. Frank and Mike are working on this. ● Harlescott Level Crossing Frank has been in touch with Network Rail and no action is being taken on this proposal. They knew about the Shropshire Star article that said a consultation was in progress but didn't know why it had appeared. | FO JM FO MR |
| Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Air quality. The data for 2017 has not yet appeared. It was agreed that we should wait for this before discussing action. Mike expressed concern that there was still no sign of the new P & R buses. It was agreed that the best organisation to approach SC on this is Bus Users Shropshire. Clive will email Peter Gilbert to suggest this. ● Rea Brook Litter bins have been put in place by Asda. Frequency of litter clearance is subject of a discussion between Asda and their contractor. Sheila has asked if the street cleaners can litter pick the footpath as far as the metal bench behind Greenhouse. This bench is still in place although everyone agrees it should be removed. Hope is that the new financial year will mean money is available to do it. Beth has approached the manager of Stiperstones Court about rubbish that clearly came from the site. It has ended up on adjoining land so they are denying responsibility. ● SWLT's Event “Love Your Magnificent Severn” - Tuesday 12th June Sheila and Frank have done some pre-planning for this and we will manage the land based litter pick from the West Mids Showground to The Weir. SWLT will litter pick the same length from canoes. We will have two teams of 5 people in the morning starting at the showground and | MR CP SJ BH SJ FO |

the same arrangement for the afternoon continuing downstream to the weir. Only adults (16+) can be involved because of the risks of working close to the river. In the evening we will litter pick up the Rea Brook as an SFoE event and children under parental control can take part.

The following confirmed their availability:-

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| Sheila | Y | Y | Y |
| Frank | Y | Y | Y |
| Judy | N | N | Y |
| Sue | N | N | Y |
| Beth | N | N | Y |
| Tony | Y | Y | Y |
| Clive | Y | Y | N |

Please let Sheila or Frank know if you have family or friends who would be keen to take part. They will then be in a position to recruit others.

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- **Plastics**

Judy's letter was published. The proposal to get an article in the paper didn't materialize for several reasons. Schools are being contacted – 6 secondary, The 6th Form College, The High School and Shrewsbury School.

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MR KC SJ

The next focus will be on flower pots. Dobbies accept them. Believed they will be made into decking and the like (but those products probably can't be recycled.)

They are setting up a contract and will email Sheila when it is in place.

Food hub get flowers from supermarkets in black plastic buckets that are non returnable. Barbara will investigate – surely a useful item if made available to the public?

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- **Belle Vue Arts Festival (Theme is “AIR”) -Saturday 2nd June 10am – 2pm by Greyfriars Bridge**

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Emma suggested involving a school. Coleham contacted but no response. Ideas for the stand still welcome.

Barbara and Frank available and Sheila in the morning. Need 2-3 people on the stand so still vacancies!!

- **Planning and Development Issues**

- **Big Town Plan**

Barbara and Frank attended on two days. The workshop we were invited to was “Movement and Place” on one day and then the last day was dealing with the results of the whole exercise. Our feeling is that the consultant employed to prepare The Big Town Plan was well chosen. LDA were visionary but realistic when making suggestions and we hope that their conclusions will be in tune with our own ideas for the town, particularly in relation to transport.

- **Cambridge Quality Charter for Growth**

This is a very useful document which could be copied by SC. The Mayor has publicly expressed great concern about the “quality” of developments and is holding a public event about the issue on 28th April. It is in conjunction with the Civic Society and booking is necessary. It is being held at UCS, The Guildhall, from 1pm 6pm and booking is via Eventbrite. See the Civic Society website for more info. Barbara suggests that anyone who is going should promote the Cambridge Charter as a way forward. The Mayor herself has been told about it.

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- **GSX:**

It has been decided to dissolve the charitable status as the trustees no longer wish to continue. Tony advised that surplus funds are to be distributed to 8 local groups in Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin. SFoE had already been notified of this and have thanked GSX for the donation and for the work of GSX over the years. The groups are being asked to advise GSX on how they will use the money. We will consider this carefully.

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The AGM will be on 19th June in The Hobbs Room – Shrewsbury Library.

- **Media and Publicity**

Not discussed as Emma and Katy not present

**National /
Regional FoE**

Regional Gathering in Birmingham on 28th April – Frank hoping to attend but open to any member. SFoE can pay travel.

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| Communication | 4 points Members' email. Not discussed Printed newsletter: Not discussed | |
| AOB | National FoE have phoned to say there are still spaces at Basecamp. Any member can attend and SFoE can pay travel. It runs from 1 st – 3 rd June. See FoE website. | ALL |
| Upcoming dates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Shrewsbury Growing Forward” Mayors Forum on Developments. 28th April 2018 UCS, The Guildhall. 1pm-6pm. • Regional Gathering - 28th April 2018 – Birmingham • Basecamp – 1st – 3rd June 2018 • Belle Vue Arts Festival – SFoE Stand – 2nd June 2018 10am – 2pm. • “Love Your Magnificent Severn” Litter Pick – 12th June 2018 | |
| Next SFoE meeting | Monday 7th May 2018 at The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station) 7.30pm | |