

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting

Monday 2nd September 2019 7.30pm The Alb, Smithfield Road

Notes

Present	Su Fisher, Barbara Phillips, Sheila Jones, Beth Holgate, Judy Coleridge, Tony Green, Colin Jefferson	
Apologies	Frank Oldaker, Mike Richardson, Alan Leaman, Pauline Wilson, Philip Pool. Pauline has said that she won't be attending regularly but will be happy to contribute to campaigns	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Minutes of 5 August	<p>Tetrapak item: should have said "Beth will report next month" not "next week".</p> <p>Plastic problem item: should have read "Sainsbury's expect..." not "Shrewsbury expects..."</p> <p>Otherwise, minutes agreed</p>	
Matters arising from 5 August	<p>Items not dealt with under the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town centre litterbins. Frank had an email from Seb Slater, CEO of BID, saying that they have been asking for recycling bins on Pride Hill. He believes that the difficulty lies in the inflexibility in current waste contracts. Frank will contact Lezley Picton of Shropshire Council again. We had a discussion: some bins are emptied by Veolia and some for Shrewsbury Town Council by another contractor who John Morris works for. John is prepared to sort recycled waste. We should be speaking to the Town Council. It would be possible to put additional bins for recycled waste in the town centre. • Beth had asked about collecting tetrapaks at United Reformed Church. She was thinking about a large collecting bin for use by the public. Now instead, she is going to ask whether tetrapaks could be collected with the other plastic items that the church collects regularly, mostly from their own congregation. • Frank's letter to the Shropshire Star was printed, refuting Daniel Kawczynski's letter saying that everyone wants the Oxon link road. • Frank wrote to Sainsbury's head office re use of plastic bags in the weigh-it-yourself service. They are about to trial a system in 6 stores from September that gets rid of single use plastic bags for fruit, veg and bakery products. The point was made in our meeting that there is no need to use bags. So long as there is a total weight sticker on one apple in a collection of apples etc, then that is acceptable • Will BTP new director and consultants work with community groups? Seb Slater emailed to say yes. As soon as they are appointed, consultations will begin. • Storage of SFoE equipment etc. Frank speak to Barbara and Sara Mai. Still to be done 	
Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shrewsbury Environment Centre. Frank spoke to Sara Mai about the business plan. The centre is now able to cover its on-going running costs from its income from resident artists. They are crowdfunding for signs for the building. Frank proposed that we should donate to help them with this enterprise. Agreed we would donate £200. Tony (later changed to Frank) will speak to Sara about the donation and how best to undertake a transaction. Barbara will write a letter from SFoE. • SFoE/GSX Climate Action Group 	

	<p>There was a sub group meeting attended by Tony, Beth and Colin. Tony explained that the FoE website is very complex. To access relevant advice on climate action groups, you have to follow “ home – beat climate change – information” . Also; “ latest – press releases – policy & insight – briefings/tech stuff”. “Take climate action – climate groups across the country with meeting dates etc” There is also information about what councils should do, what individuals should do, what government should do.</p> <p>Colin is collecting statistics from the Climate Change Committee on how we can achieve change by 2050, so that he can understand better what can be done in Shropshire. He is particularly interested in county level action. Beth is interested in change by individuals. Beth and Colin are both keen to continue with the action group.</p> <p>If Tony sets up a GSX action group, then Colin would be interested to represent SFoE on that. This was agreed. Colin will look at GSX on line to understand it better. Barbara will send Tony’s email address to Colin. From previous remarks, we understand that Alan is interested in individuals. Agreed Barbara and Frank would contact Alan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Guide and Shrewsbury Chronicle articles Tony has drafted an article which Judy will hold for the moment. The article on general plastics (the hard to recycle) has not yet appeared. Leon from The Shropshire Star and Shrewsbury Chronicle is on holiday. Frank and Tony are proposing to write an article on transport for October – but this may be put back if the general plastics article is delayed further. Barbara will ask Frank to commit to that. The articles should be on the website. Judy will ask Mike to put them on. • Rea Brook campaign Sheila has been unable to check the situation recently. The vegetation has been very high and she has not been well. • Report on XR action Barbara will contact Callum who is organising the Youth Strikes. There will be an international strike on 20 Sept. Circulate details to all our members • Planning and Development From last meeting: Frank was to submit an objection re Red Barn Lane application for 5 houses. No report on this. 	<p>BP,FO,CJ, BH</p> <p>BP</p> <p>JC</p> <p>BP,FO</p>
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 points Members’ email. Link to the Chronicle article if possible; XR action; critical mass cycling event; Master Composters event 	
AOB	AGM. Judy will liaise with Dave on the best date, where to have it and title etc.	JC
Events Next SFoE mtg	Bin the Butt campaign. Every Monday at 6.00pm in the Market Square. Monday 7 October – The Alb.	