

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting
Monday 7 August 7.30pm Lion Hotel

Notes

Present	Sue fisher, Sheila Jones, Tony Green , Mike Richardson, Frank Oldaker	
Apologies	Judy Coleridge, Barbara Phillips	
Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Notes	Notes of business meeting 3.7.17- Agreed?	
Matters arising	From items not on agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hermitage “Save Money, Save Waste” event. Attendance was low but people were interested in the Green Guide. MEA, Men in Sheds and Master composters there. 	
Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues	Transport and air quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Matter arising from July meeting:</i> Barbara to meet with Clare Fildes re Shropshire Council submitting an Expression of Interest in cycling/walking infrastructure money. Don't know if this has been done. Air quality in Shrewsbury.---- Mike reiterated that SC have been breaking the law since 2010. There is a statutory duty to not exceed limits but there has been no action. A new 5yr plan is to be prepared by end of 2018. Separately Defra say no problem because their two chosen locations are just outside the river loop by Welsh bridge and English Bridge. Their modelling predicts that there is still no problem in 2020. Shrewsbury's worst location is at the Station Hotel and annual mean level is about 60Microg/cum. Only London and Middlesborough appear to have worse levels. 300 councils have places that exceed limits and some don't even have AQAP's. SCOOT traffic control won't reduce emissions. Matthew Clark has confirmed that because SC not on Defra's list of Councils exceeding limit then they are not being “chased”. He also says traffic monitoring is to be carried out. The so called positive actions by SC are to give civil protection officers Euro6 vehicles and the P&R buses will be micro hybrid – not hybrid so they don't have electric propulsion only the recovery of some of the braking energy. In the press the impression has been misleadingly given that they will be proper hybrids. Grants are available and the bus manufacturers offer them on the same chassis, seat layout etc. Mike still to contact Steve Davenport and Lee Chapman. John Whitelegg's 20mph conference ----- Agenda issues still to be resolved. No official campaign group in Shrewsbury. John does expect it to be a long campaign. There is no proof that air quality is improved but safety is the prime concern. In Shrewsbury it is accepted that major roads would have to have limits >20mph. Shoplatch Closure ---- Worth observing the effects of this as same effect as our proposal 2 years ago to close High Street and Shoplatch from 10am – 3pm. North West Relief Road and Oxon Link Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Matter arising from July meeting:</i> Emma Bullard is looking at Oxon Link Road issues but no news. Rea Brook clean-up: --- Sheila reported that Meole brace Garage have fenced the brook but illogically left a 1 ton bag on the wrong side – their problem. Sheila has emailed SC re use of the bench behind Greenhous by drug users and requested removal. Confident this will be done. Also she is about to meet with Asda and contractor re the remaining clearing needed. Has developed a good working relationship with them.	
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	<p>Green Guide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group is planning to meet in September as been impossible to find mutually convenient date through summer. <p>Planning Issues: Philip advised that he is talking to Julian Dean about how to be as effective as possible in dealing with applications. It is apparent that ecological requirements included in permissions are not being followed up to ensure compliance. Robert macey is Portfolio Holder for Planning, and Environment.</p> <p>Membership: Nothing to report</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jane unsure whether to take on the job.Tony will speak to her re what is involved. <p>AGM speaker. Judy has suggested Dr David Gibbon, Agricultural and Rural Livelihood Systems who used to work for the RSPB but about whom she knows nothing else! Lives in Church Stretton Need to find out what he might speak about.</p>	<p>JC SF MR SJ</p> <p>PP</p> <p>AG</p> <p>JC FO</p>
NationalFoE	Nothing to report.	
Communication	<p>4 points Members' email: Include Flower Show Waste Contract, Client Earth (book can be borrowed) and Air Pollution in Shrewsbury.Closure of Shoplatch.</p> <p>Printed newsletter: Still under consideration – in size and format so it that can be conveniently put out at places around the town?</p>	FO
AOB	Tony Reported:- Liz Evans is chair of the local group seeking to persuade SC to disinvest from fossil fuels. Want to get a motion before SC similar to the one in Birmingham. Julian Dean considering a motion to STC so they put the motion to SC.	
Dates	<p>16th September 10-00- Electric Vehicles in the Coop car park in Church Stretton</p> <p>16th September 11-00 onwards - Merefest in Ellesmere</p> <p>23rd September - Michaelmas Fair in Bishops Castle</p> <p>Saturday 30th September 13:00 – 17:00 20mph Conference</p>	
Next Mtg	Monday 4th September 2017 7-30pm The Lion Hotel	