Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Business Meeting Monday 5 March 2018 7.30pm The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station)

Notes

Present	Mike Richardson, Tony Green, Frank Oldaker, Judy Coleridge, Sheila Jones, Sue Fisher,	Philin Pool	
rresent	Barbara Phillips, Katy Chandler		
Apologies	Emma Charles, Beth Holgate, David Caton		
Agenda Item	Notes	Action	
Notes	Notes of business meeting 5 February 2018. Agreed		
	Discussion with David Caton (and others?) from Global Justice. David was not able to come to the meeting		
Matters arising From 5 Feb	 Switching banks. The on-line application to Triodos has been done. We will hear in 8-10 weeks. If everything seems OK in principle, we will then change our account to them Media meeting. Had to be postponed. Now fixed for later this week. Data management. The national FoE website has 6 pages of advice re the new data regulations. It appears that we have to contact every individual that we have on our lists and ask them if they wish to continue to receive emails/communications. We have about 400 people on our communication lists. It was agreed that Mike would contact FoE for guidance. The deadline for complying is in May. 	MR	
Local Campaigns/ Projects/ Issues	 Air quality. Mike and Barbara went to talk to Coton Hill Residents Assoc who are very concerned about air quality in their area. Mike gave a full introduction about air quality in the town. The residents decided to undertake various activities to address the issue. Mike reported on the Council's website still being well out-of-date with regards to the data monitoring. He has been promised data for 2017 by April. Mike will draft an email about the data for Barbara to send to Rod Thomson (Director of Public Health) who we know is concerned about air quality. There is no sign of the new P&R buses which were supposed to have been introduced by now. There was some discussion about an air quality campaign eg we could contact the residents who live around the station gyratory. But it was agreed that we first have to have access to current data. We can then go and see Rod Thomson and Steve Davenport (Portfolio Holder for Transport) if possible. We will discuss this again in April. Network Rail are proposing to close the Harlescott Lane level crossing. Consultation in the spring. All traffic will have to go along Mount Pleasant which is already crowded. The air quality will be dreadful. Frank agreed to find out more information. The theme of the Belle Vue Arts Festival on 2 June 10.00 -2.00 is "air quality". Frank has been approached and asked whether we want a stall. Yes – agreed in principle. People available to help – Katy, Frank, Sue. Maybe a school could be involved? Frank to explore. Rea Brook Asda has agreed to clear litter every two months with harnesses. They have already cleaned the bank well and have put in 2 dog litter bins. Sheila's next move will be to propose that they get help from their HQ in Leeds. Home Bargains have asked Sheila to decide when she wants the contractor to litter pick, and then to 	MR,BP	

	assess the effectiveness of their work. Sheila has requested the garage at Meole Brace do a complete litter pick; they are now under new management. The Travelodge near Dobbie's has also changed management and Sheila has yet to speak to them. The builders at the Sutton grange housing development are using open skips which are near the Brook – these should be netted. Sheila and Frank met Luke Neale at Shropshire Wildlife Trust about the 12 th June litter pick, which they are organising. SFoE are taking charge of the land pick. Sheila and Frank will co-ordinate. We've agreed to do a survey from The Show Ground to the weir to see where the problems lie. We need a team of 5/6 people working along each specified stretch. The Marine Trust will record what litter is found and Veolia will collect.	SJ, FO
	Plastics The GG group have collated information for the GG recycling plastics section. They would like our email contacts to be informed that the section has been updated, and given a hyperlink. Mike will write a bit for inclusion in the 4 points email. Barbara said she would look up the details of the company that recycles single-use paper cups. The group are writing a press release After that, they will consider where to go. Mike raised the issue of the website as he has encountered difficulties which are going to be expensive to resolve and he has not got the appropriate expertise, which lies with Web Orchard. Issue to be discussed at the media meeting.	MR BP GG group MR, others
	Planning and Development Issues The Riverside Medical Centre planning application agreement has been withdrawn. Philip sees this as a chance to put forward new ideas about the design of the centre. Philip, Judy and Katy (the latter 2 are patients there) to discuss.	PP,JC,KC
	Agreed that we would send the Cambridge Quality Charter for Growth (as relevant to Shropshire Council's housing development) to Dan Wrench at the Council, who we understand from Rod Thomson (Director of Public Health) is leading an environment partnership. Barbara draft an email for Frank to send. Tony met with Richard James from Planning to discuss infotech and the use of data. He explained that SC is interested in passivhaus building and is working with Shrewsbury University. They are also considering health issues and electric vehicles. SC is looking for partners to work with.	BP,FO
	GSX AGM in June	
National FoE	Nothing to report	
Communication	4 points Members' email. Leave this until after the media meeting. Mike will draft something to go out to members about plastics. Printed newsletter: Still under consideration – good time to produce will be with	MR
AOB	 38 degrees. Many of us are members of this petition group. Barbara and Frank are being contacted as co-ordinators of SFoE. Agreed that they would not respond on behalf of the group and let individuals decide for themselves whether to sign petitions. NWRR. Shall we lead a walk along the proposed path of the road? Agreed that we would wait until after the decision. 20's Plenty. Tony reported that the Scrutiny Committee agreed that the issue should be referred to the full Strategic Committee. 	
Upcoming dates; Next SFoE meeting	Monday 9 April 2018 at The Alb, Smithfield Road (by the bus station) 7.30pm	