

Clean River Working Group

Membership: Six Councillors plus representatives from local residents and interested groups

Reports to: Recreation & Leisure Committee

Role of the committee: The overall aim of the committee is to oversee the improvement of river quality in Shrewsbury's waterways. Membership will include local residents and groups interested in the health of the river including swimming groups, environmental campaigning groups, anglers and other interested parties.

- 1 Collate local intelligence regarding water quality and sources of pollution.
- 2 Be aware of issues regarding extension to the built environment which may add to the river pollution problems in Shrewsbury.
- 3 Consider and support the actions required for applying for bathing water status on a section/s of the River Severn in Shrewsbury.
- 4 Make representations, lobby and bring pressure to bear on Shropshire Council, the Environment Agency, Government departments, water companies, and other agencies so as to draw attention to the problems of poor water quality, the crucial need for significant improvement and press for remedial actions.
- 5 Liaise with similar groups throughout the county to identify best practice and methods of campaigning.
- 6 Oversee a budget in order to meet the group's aims.
- 7 Help coordinate campaigning activities, including providing secretariate support.