

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 25 March 2019 at Annie's

- 1 **Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting
Present: TG, GG, BP, AM, VJ, JT and LC

- 2 **Minutes and matters arising:**
 - Committee 25-2-19: JT feels that it is not a good time to speak to CWaC about policy issues and climate change because of “purdah” before council elections, and Peter Bulmer is retiring.
TG did publicise CWDF at Nick Dearden talk and VJ provided the clipboard and collected several names. VJ researched carbon footprint calculator but not viable. BP and AM sent out mailing.
 - Forum 12-3-19: (*Minutes in preparation – but see item below re Climate*).

- 3 **Brief post-mortem:** Nick Dearden talk on 5-3-19 - ND said he would send notes but nothing received as yet. Several committee members took notes. BP will do draft and send round for people to add to. GM will chase up ND for notes. (No need to worry as ND subsequently did send his notes which will be photocopied to go out in next mailing. ND gave an excellent talk – a shame that it was so poorly attended.

- 4 **Admin matters:**
 - Current bank balance: Bank statement at 28 Feb 19 >> **£424.71** Payments made to CHAWREC of 2x £30 >> £364.71 Subscriptions and cash paid in of £35 >> £399.71 Plus cash-in-hand £12.14 >> **£411.85**. We owe Annie a small amount for mailings, and we're (I'm) going to send £50 to Global Justice Now, which will reduce us to £350~360.
 - Progress with 2019 subs: CFoP and Bernie Draper but otherwise no further subs paid
GG speak to Neville Jones and Wesley. JT to remind HS and SB and Matthew Sutton
VJ collected names at ND's talk and International Women's Day. BP sent mailing out to them with note about data protection ie they had to respond to the email. Had nothing back as yet

- 5 **Arrangements for future Forum meetings**
 - Tues 14 May AGM – Shantele Janes re CHAWREC **BP to send her a reminder email**
Concern was expressed at this point about CWDF's future as we're all getting older. BP will be out of action for a while. Hip scheduled for 2nd May so will miss next committee meeting and possibly AGM. (Subsequently the date of BP's op is now after next committee meeting). BP wondering whether to take a sabbatical. After some discussion on our future it was agreed that we continue for another year but speak at the AGM as to where we go from here.
 - Tues 9 July – Speaker: Linda and Stewart Shuttleworth on Psychology of Apathy. **BP will email them. JT will do his best to get any other groups interested.**
TG going to Cathedral – exploratory meeting re the new “workshops” on Wed evening

- 6 **Actions on Climate Change [BIG ITEM!]** Clarifying the CWDF focus, how to ensure collaboration with other groups, engaging with the public . . .
Following decisions were taken:

- CFoE event in the Grosvenor Park in summer. We can offer support/have a stall.
- Difficult for us to organise a major event now – too late in the year.
- JT will keep us up to date with other groups' actions and see where we can support
- Meet with Chris Matheson again via CSF
- Through CSF meet with CWaC. Meeting on April 4th in University to try and work out index for sustainability so can see where Chester sits in the order and CWaC can plan policies
- Also Chester Community Forum Energy scheme. Northgate Arena v successful. Neston Sports facility coming on board. Community Hydro scheme at Church Minshull
- Climate change blog. Snippets of information from all different groups -- lots going on. Can give address of groups to get more detail. **JT will ask Helen Tandy about social media input**
- **JT will research Oxfam, AM will research Christian Aid and CAFOD and Global Justice now to see if cards/ petitions to be signed prior to climate lobby on 26th June.** Maybe have card signing in Storyhouse or at event in the park on 15th June
- JT knows of lady in Transition Chester to speak on “De-growth”

7 CWDF Diary – update of 18-3-19 attached:

- Any comments/additions?

8 Arrangements for next mailing, surface and email – March Forum minutes, Catherine Green's COP 24 talk, Nick Dearden's notes, sustainable palm oil venues list (**AM will photocopy**) and diary by 10th April

9 Issues from around the table/ AOB Annual report

Fairtrade stall in the market was a great success. CWaC are promoting the market in the week 17th – 21st May and Matthew Sutton from And Albert will take the lead on organising a stall in that week if he can get enough volunteers.

10 Next Committee meeting: Monday 6th May 7.30pm, Vicki's?