

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 3 February 2020 at Annie's

1 **Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting

Present: TG, GG, BP, AM, VJ, JT, LC and GM

2 **Minutes and matters arising:**

- Committee 6-1-20

Actions completed

- JT replied to request from Alistair Jeffs from CWaC giving him resume of our climate change actions to date
- JT asked Helen to advertise the next Forum meeting
- BP sent a reminder of next week's Forum meeting out to the new contacts
- JT emailed Colin Watson about projector use for his presentation and a reminder to give update on Cathedral Exhibition

TG, LC, VJ and AM met on Friday 31st Jan to discuss the design of the flyer and redesign of our leaflet. Agreed to move the logo, delete the question mark and add some extra information on the back. Otherwise basic design agreed on. **VJ agreed to be link with Matthew Sutton re getting leaflet designed VJ to ask different prices.** Suggested that we get 500 printed?

- Forum 14-1-20: Minutes had been amended re Fairtrade Fortnight. No issues arising. Signing in list been given to BP. New person wished to join – Diane Williams. **BP will send out subs form. He will also contact those who wish to just receive diary**

3 **Finance & administration issues, including:**

- Current balance: JT received the January bank statement on 7th Feb so has now given definitive figures on our financial position & the progress of subscriptions for these minutes.
During January 2020, our bank balance has gone up from £233.56 to £389.56 thanks to subscriptions paid in, plus various direct transfers into our account. JT has £12.56 cash in hand (a bit less than at 31/12/19), which takes our total monies to just over £400 (£402.12)
- 2020 subscriptions – coming in steadily (see JT's email for up- to -date list)

4 **Brief post-mortem of any recent activities/ involvements**, including Gill Miller's recent open meetings:

"Wetlands" by Christian Dunn on 22nd Jan – well attended. The project is only in the planning stage so far. It needs £10,000 to get started.

"Industrial Decarbonisation" by Prof Joe Howe" on 29th Jan. Again well attended. JT has done a report back. MouthPeace journal wish to include in their next issue TG went to Chester Friends of Palestine meeting last Friday – 3 Palestinian girls talked about their experiences. TG was impressed by their clear commitment to living in peace with Israelis

5 **Forthcoming events:**

- Tues 10 Mar: CWDF Forum, Linda & Stewart Shuttleworth re "Jamie's Fund", Uganda. They will need the projector

- Friday 27 March: Q&A session with Chris Matheson MP, 6.15pm. **BP will book The Unity Centre.**
- May AGM – NB: customary date of 12 May would coincide with opening date of Chester Cathedral Climate Change sessions (12-17 May) Stephen Maund is available. **LC will contact him**
- Speaker – Daniel Boss – video games – GM suggested this

6 Items from CWDF Diary – update of 1-02-20 attached.

Robin Roth from Traidcraft Exchange at Wesley next Sunday. Sue Bownas has sent out email with details. **BP will email out and AM will send by surface mail**

GM: 21st April from 4.30- 5.30 - Prof Tony Binns at University. Talk on West Africa

7 Food Matters Conference, Autumn 2020

To consider the results of JT's soundings with various local groups, and with Gill Miller. To agree next steps needed in firming up the proposal.

JT had ideas from Jane Fisher's presentation re the climate emergency and necessary change in land use

GM suggested that, before we go any further with planning, we need to have a clear focus for the day. What are we hoping to achieve?

Some suggestions for the focus:

- Global Food emergency? Whose responsibility?
- Challenges involved in sustainable food production?
- Compassionate Farming?
- World Food Programme?
- Suggested speakers - Patrick Mulvaney? – GM thought he would be good at summing up at end of day. Jane Fisher – CAT? Corporate view from a big company – such as Nestle/ Unilever/ Iceland?
- Considering workshops from: CAFOD – food production, Christian Aid, OXFAM, Action Aid, Global Justice Now
- Suggested date - 14th November?

Clearly needs further discussion

8 Issues around the table/ AOB

Chester Sustainability Forum exhibition in the Cathedral - have to fill in form and pay up £25. Thinking that "Possible" may join us but JT not had reply of late. Discussed what to use for our "journey to sustainability" – greener world/ global perspective. **JT will complete the essential information on the form.**

9 Arrangements for next mailing, surface and email:

- Next surface mailing when to include 14th Jan Forum minutes, Robin Roth's visit, diary and subs reminder send out this week

10 Next Committee meeting: Monday 2nd March, 7.30pm, Vicki's.