

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 2 October 2017 at Annie's

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

- 2 Minutes and matters arising:**

- Committee 4-9-17: TG has spoken to Martin Evans re CWDF's continued use of facilities at university now that GM has retired. (See note further down minutes)  
**JT will see Peter Benson tomorrow and will speak to Michael Johnson soon re their membership of CWDF**  
Penny Davies paid subs to LC.  
BP contacted Andrew re subs from Wesley and Andrew has passed forms on to Treasurer  
**AM not yet had chance to contact Christian Aid and Cafod. Will do asap**  
**GG will contact Neville Jones**  
AM has emailed Caldly Valley church re sending information by email. No reply as yet.  
New date for Chris Matheson is Jan 26<sup>th</sup>  
VJ been in touch with Nick Todhunter to tell him of new date for Chris and also reminder about William Tacon's talk on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct  
JT has been in touch with Colin Watson re November meeting and TG with Katy Rowe re Jan meeting  
BP had brief conversation with HL re CWDF and Facebook and she does have problems transferring information from our diary onto Facebook. Needs looking at again  
AM – searched NGO's websites for any details of specific action in October re climate change nothing found
- Forum 12-9-17: TW not yet queried "resurrection" of Green Day Campaign cards from Traidcraft re Brexit (Make it work for all) and Jubilee Debt Campaign re "Public Private Partnerships" have been sent off by AM.  
Re Christian Aid's Big Shift Campaign - Prudence Pig poster with messages attached will be presented to 4 major banks on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2.20pm. More details to follow

- 3 Finance & Subscriptions:** Balance on 31st Aug £439.77 but has paid out for hire of room and maintenance of website so balance is now £369.78. Also has £11.92 cash in hand

### **JT: Re reducing subs – needs discussion at next committee meeting**

- 4 Progress with University contacts:**

- Geography & International Development Dept – settling arrangements "post Gill Miller". TG spoken to Martin Evans. GM to be still to be our main link for now. ME has taken over International Development Studies so would naturally take up as main contact. However new lecturer starting who may wish to be involved. BP spoken to GM re links and she has reassured us that she will be our contact for time being.

- Nick Todhunter re social media, & the International Development Society re joint sessions/activities: VJ not been able to talk to him face to face as yet to ask about Facebook. BP has looked at International Development Society's Facebook page and looks as if had no hits since March 2016. Seems to be quite inactive  
TG attended course on social media at CVA  
Seems that social media more use as a prompt to get people to look at website rather than as means of putting information out.  
Instagram may be good idea – send photo to get people to be interested in website  
**VJ to let Nick know about next CWDF meeting on fracking in Nov**
- Third World Hope group still going. Should we make contact again???

## 5 Forthcoming meetings:

- Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Oct: William Tacon re Bhutan (University lecture, 7pm best Building)  
William has sent draft copy of talk to GM
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: CWDF Forum meeting, with Colin Watson on Fracking issues – local and wider: JT will contact Colin Watson for snappy title. “Fracking not welcome here?”
- Katy Rowe’s daughter to talk on displacement and climate change. Internal displacement – far more internally displaced people than refugees, migrants.
- Events to reflect the “25 Year” theme? Suggestions:
  - Invite Gyles Brandreth - he will be in Chester for graduation.
  - World Food Day in October – another “Food Matters” day?
  - VJ mentioned a group which presents statistics in grains of rice.  
<http://www.stanscafe.co.uk/project-of-all-the-people.html>  
There are a couple of explanations and videos about the project, which is clearly tailor-made for each event. It is extremely effective in situ – is it worth considering for part of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event?
  - 17<sup>th</sup> Oct is International Day for eradication of poverty. **VJ will investigate this.**
  - Perhaps 2 major events – one more light hearted with Gyles and one about food matters.
  - Invite Anne Pettifor? **BP will email John Freeman for contact details.**
  - Re climate change - table outside Town Hall in week of action on climate change? Will need to find out if going to be a week of action sometime

## 6 CWDF Diary – update of 01-10-17 attached: any comments/additions:

JT: had invitation to Global Justice now Annual Members Gathering in Liverpool. He hopes to attend  
VJ: Stockport having Fairtrade Fair- **VJ will send BP details**  
Christian Aid “Bible in a Day” event on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov

## 7 Issues from around the table:

TG and JT: attended climate change workshop last Sunday. JT thinks people not aware of some of details of Paris Agreement. Do large corporations realise details?  
JT: shared article from The Guardian – “Electricity powering UK is greenest ever”.  
Next stage is to be able to store energy from wind turbines because energy generated at night at present is not much use unless it can be stored.  
JT: Proposal to have research study centre on Ince Marshes. Studying sub-surface dynamics. JT also concerned about proposals from IGAS in Ellesmere Port.  
JT: on issue of questionnaire - JT will try and put something together. He feels that we have lost touch with our member groups and this might be a way of finding out what they want.

TG: Attended Sustainable Chester meeting. About 30 people there, representing different groups. The presentation was on "low emission strategy" in the whole area. Some areas have very poor air quality. Main culprits are cars and buses. Within the strategy there are plans to change cars from diesel to electric and also urge people to leave cars at home and use buses and bikes. Also aim to provide vehicle charging points in car parks. Area of concern - vehicles "idling" ie cars outside school, taxis, buses in bus station. Summary of strategy out next week with consultation process via questionnaire. Final document to be out by March next year.

Council also considering "trees strategy".

BP: Quiz on 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 in St Columba's organised by Upton Churches in aid of CAFOD/ Christian Aid

VJ: National Day of action at Sainsbury's stores re dropping of Fairtrade mark.

VJ will find out more.

- 8 **Arrangements for next mailing:** BP will send email round as reminder for William Tacon's talk next Tues and the new date for Chris Matheson.
  
- 9 **Next Committee meeting: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm, Vicki's?**