

**Chester World Development Forum**  
**Committee Meeting Monday February 25<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**MINUTES**

1. Welcome.

**Present:** TG, LC, BP, JT, GG, VJ

**Apologies:** AM

2. Minutes and Matters Arising:

Helen Tandy talk, Forum, 15.1.19.  
detailed.

This was a very good talk and the Notes are

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of her talk.

BP noted that Shantele Janes wishes to be reminded

**JT will liaise/consult with Peter Bulmer re availability  
for our Forum Meeting on Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Catherine Green re COP 24, 19.2.19 This was a good talk with a disappointing turnout. It had a great format, with contributions from Colin Watson, Helen Tandy and John Tacon afterwards. Catherine felt the Conference opened doors but also led to major questions for governments. Contact with Ken Walker was appreciated. Helen Tandy met with David Irving from Tarporley High School regarding the student Climate Change protest and it is hoped that there will be better co-ordination for their next event on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

JT noted that some individual US states are better at facing the challenge of climate change, despite national situation.

TG asked the Committee: **Where are we going with our climate change campaign?**

JT suggested our broad spectrum is an advantage as it allows different avenues to be explored, eg the local interest in land at Great Boughton being used as green space.

BP suggested that “badging” all climate change events and issues will raise the profile.

JT reminded us that we are a Forum – helping and highlighting the actions of all member groups.

BP reinforced our need for an adequate presence on social media.

JT mentioned that Peter Benson (Chester Friends of the Earth) intends to explore the possibility of working with “Good for Nothing” on a climate change session.

AM has suggested an event in the summer at/with the Zoo.

GG suggests an emphasis on individual actions.

TG reminds us that how we eat/travel/heat our homes remain priorities.

3. Finance and administration issues:

Current Bank balance

around £410, statement awaited.

Progress with 2019 subscriptions

slowed down.

#### 4. Arrangements for future Forum meetings:

Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>, Nick Dearden talk "Rising National & Personal Debt and Impact on Aid", 7.30pm Best Building, University of Chester. Gill Miller to accommodate Nick. CWDF to pay travel expenses – arrangements were made. Flyer to be circulated by email and printed copies were distributed at this meeting. **TG to publicise CWDF in vote of thanks. VJ to provide clipboard for new contacts for CWDF Mailing List. Banner to be placed outside lecture room.**

Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, Forum Open Session on climate change. Update by Jude Limb on Christian Aid's "Big Shift" campaign. Follow-up on points aired at February 19<sup>th</sup> session. These may include Chester Sustainability Forum's brainstorming session in April, iGas Inquiry update and Friends of the Earth local campaign – **JT to liaise with FoE**. Also gauge interest/availability of members for the Lobby of Parliament on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> AGM and speaker Shantele Janes re CHAWREC.

Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup> speaker re (? CWaC) climate change actions ..?Peter Bulmer ? Karen Shore .. dependent on outcome of JT meeting with Peter Bulmer.

#### 5. CWDF Diary – update of 25.2.19 was circulated. Events where direct support is required were noted:

Fairtrade Fortnight stall, Chester Market, February 25<sup>th</sup> until March 9<sup>th</sup>. There are some vacant volunteer slots. All are encouraged to visit.

International Women's Day stall, Chester Town Hall, Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> 11am-3.30pm. Suggest 2 members at a time on stall. Will need pull-up banner, leaflets, copies of Diary and Annual Report. Will publicise Fairtrade stall on Market. May emphasise the eat/travel/heat aspects of climate change. **VJ to research possibility of having a carbon footprint calculator available.**

#### 6. Arrangements for next mailing – **BP and AM to liaise** and email circulation – this week – **done February 27<sup>th</sup>**.

7. Any Other Business JT reported that links with the Zoo could be strengthened with their sustainable palm oil and plastic-free campaigns.

#### 8. Next Committee meeting : Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm, Vicki's – **tbc now arranged as Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm at Annie's.**