

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 4 February 2019 at Vicki's

1 Welcome:

Present: TG, BP, GG, AM, VJ, JT, LC and Catherine Green

TG welcomed Catherine Green to meeting

2 To discuss and agree arrangements for CWDF's Climate Change session on 19th February, "COP 24" update by Catherine

Catherine is also talking at Chester Sustainability Forum on 7th Feb and Karen Shore from the Council will be present. Idea is to put forward a plan/policy on climate change. Want collaborative working.

As regards CWDF's meeting - BP sees this as initial meeting to "get the ball rolling". Then pave the way for much bigger event. Catherine would be quite happy with that. Within her talk she can tell us what some of the outcomes were which will help us with our plans.

Helen Tandy has already advertised the meeting. Need to let her know the meeting is now being held in The Unity Centre which can only accommodate 30 people. **JT will contact Helen**

Catherine will have slide presentation and should take 30 mins. Time for question and answer and discussion'

C shared some ideas of actions we could take:

Climate Change Coalition letter - MPs being persuaded to sign. Chris Matheson has signed but Justin Madders (MP for Ellesmere Port) and Mike Amesbury (MP for Frodsham) haven't.

Lobby of Parliament on 26th June in London. Can register on line.

Could we calculate our individual carbon footprints?

3 Minutes and matters arising:

- Committee 7-1-19: TG emailed Nick Dearden and he would like flyer from us to advertise on website. Not booked his train ticket yet.
LC been in to council offices and she was given name – Georgina Patel???
- Forum 15-1-19: update on Fairtrade stall – need more people. Peter Bulmer and his wife going to Costa Rica and will visit fair-trade producer whilst there. Idea for speaker??

4 Finance & administration issues, including:

- Last bank statement – £196.71. With subs coming in balance went up to £443.35.
JT has paid out £35 for room hire so now balance is £403.35
- Progress with 2019 subs – coming in steadily

5 Arrangements for future Forum meetings:

- Tuesday 5th March - Nick Dearden talk "Rising National & Personal Debt & Impact on Aid". 7.30pm Best Building. Gill Miller preparing flyer – and will accommodate Nick. **CWDF to cover travel expenses**
- 9th March – International Women's Day 11.00am – 3.30pm. Items for display - brochure, photos from last year's celebration, last year's report, Anthony McCarthy's talk, Helen Tandy's talk, information about future plans

- Tues 12th March – Open session on climate change. Follow-up on any points aired at 19 Feb session + update by Jude Limb on Christian Aid’s “Big Shift” campaign
- Tues 14 May AGM – Shantele Janes re CHAWREC She wishes to be reminded.
BP will do
- Tues 9 July – Speaker: Peter Bulmer re CWAC climate change actions?

6 CWDF Diary – update of 2-2-19 attached:

- Any comments/additions: Some confusion over when CND vigil is – every 2 months or was that meetings?
- Any events where direct support required?

7 Issues from around the table/ AOB - including:

- CWDF use of social media: Further discussion
- CWDF donations in support of member groups: to consider how and when these might be appropriate. Decision that donations be left to individuals rather than CWDF donation.
- TG attended talk by 2 refugee ladies from Syria at Storyhouse. Concern about qualifications not being recognised in this country. There is a refugee week – **TG will find out when it is**

8 Arrangements for next mailing, surface and email: Diary to go out to those on surface mail by weekend. Minutes to be done by next week.

9 Next Committee meeting: Monday 25th Feb 7.30pm, Annie’s?