

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 6 May 2019 at Vicki's

1 **Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting

Present: BP, TG, JT, LC, VJ and AM. Welcome to Gill Miller as a guest

Apologies: GG

2 **Minutes and matters arising:**

- Committee 25-3-19: Re payment of subs - GG has spoken to Wesley and sub should be forthcoming. JT not yet spoken to HS and SB re subs. **AM agreed to contact Sue B, Tom Ormiston, Lesley (Treasurer at Chester Fairtrading) and Neville Jones.**

Re researching NGOs to see if cards/petitions available to be signed prior to climate lobby on 26th June – CAFOD have petition which AM has copy of, Christian Aid have petition on line. **AM to contact Jude Limb re how people can sign petition if they cannot do online**

AM to see if anything from Oxfam

JT did not attend last FoE meeting so hasn't spoken to Helen Tandy re social media

3 **Admin matters:**

- Current bank balance: JT not had a bank statement for April 2019 as nowadays they only post one out if a payment has been made from the account – and our last payment and last deposit both occurred in March. AM been paid latest expenses
- Progress with 2019 subs: No further payments been made. **AM agreed to contact Sue B, Tom Ormiston, Lesley (Treasurer at Chester Fairtrading), Brian Holroyd from Christian Aid and Neville Jones.**

4 **Feedback from recent local happenings:**

- Cathedral consultation session on Climate Change and Environmental issues held on 27-3-19 - see Ken Walker's note attached. Very positive meeting. Lots of new initiatives. Have good exhibition plans.
- Chester Sustainability Forum meeting held on 4-4-19: TG attended. Discussion groups and talk mainly dealing with CWaC and sustainability options – looking to new council to continue moving forward on projects
- "Big Shift" HSBC lobby, Chester Branch on 4.4.19 and Ellesmere Port branch on 11-4-19. Very good turnout to both lobby events. Both managers were very receptive to the lobby. (Sarah Rowe's note of Christian Aid's meeting with HSBC bosses attached)
- Chester Friends of the Earth meeting held on 17-4-19: JT didn't attend this meeting. Go to Chester Friends of the Earth website for their newsletter

5 **Arrangements for future Forum meetings and involvements:**

- **Tues 14 May AGM**
 - Speaker is Shantele Janes re work of CHAWREC, especially refugees and asylum speakers. She has her own projector.

- AGM business including election of Committee: Are all members willing to stand? All Committee agreed to stand. BP will embellish TG's report with photos. Will send to AM for photocopying on Wed 8th May
- **Sat 15th June** – CFoE's Sustainable Chester Spring Fair, Grosvenor Park. Joint stall with Chester Fairtrade.
 - Some ideas
 - Something eye catching.
 - Information on effects of climate change on developing world
 - Maps - Label which countries been affected by climate change. **GM get leaflets from Water Aid and Microfinance, AM from CAFOD and Christian Aid**
 - Use things from our past year's speakers - egs Anthony's talk – Classroom in the Clouds (photos), Nick Dearden, Susan Flynn and Chifundo. Need leaflets representing CWDF's member organisations. JT will go to next FoE meeting on 15th May.
 - Petitions from NGOs
- **Tues 9 July** – Speakers Linda & Stewart Shuttleworth 'The psychology of apathy about climate change...and what to do about it!' Need to promote with Chester FoE, CSF, and Transition Chester

6 CWDF Diary – update of 4-5-19 attached:

- Any comments/additions? None

7 Actions on Climate Change – *In the light of the all the above, how best to define CWDF's particular focus . . .*

Ideas: Need to show clear link between climate change and development

- Trying to get through to local people. Probably best to “batter” door of CWaC so that change to happen.
- Writing letters to councillors. Could be reinforcing CSF. One theme each month egs transport, air quality, modern day slavery. One person compose letter and send out for members sign. Try it out
- Contacting CH1?
- Focus on transport?
- Message – this is what is happening in specific country and if we do more it would be even better
- Making connections. For instance - Melanesia will be under water.
- Prof Roy Alexander to talk on Ashton village

Share all these ideas at AGM

8 Arrangements for next mailing - surface and email: Covering email, diary update, Terry's annual report, condensed report on Chester Zoo's sustainability project

10 Next Committee meeting: Monday 3rd June 7.30pm, Annie's