

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 5 August 2019 at Annie's

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

2 **Minutes and matters arising:**

- Committee 01 July: BP has emailed Jane from CAT and she'd be delighted to come. She knows people in the Geography Dept at the University so the suggestion is that we have the meeting there. **BP to contact Gill for a suitable date** possibly October. Chester FoE and Transition Chester to be invited LC had photocopied "The Heritage and Contributions from Refugees" booklet. **BP is going to convert to PDF to email out.**
- Forum 09 July, including Climate Apathy talk - Is there anything we can take from it in the way we communicate with local people to engage them in the issue? **For all committee - Suggestion that we do a bit of "homework" and highlight parts of the talk that we should consider in our approaches.**
BP – how we work in collaboration with the other groups especially in our dealings with CWaC? CSF is taking the lead with CWaC's Climate Emergency Task Force. Important that we offer support to CSF and keep up-to-date with their activities via JT and particularly get involved in supporting the exhibition to be staged in the Cathedral next May. CSF meeting to discuss plans for the exhibition is on Sept 12th. JT not sure he can attend. AM may be able to go in his place.

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

- Current bank balance stands at £399.71. The £50 cheque for Global Justice Now has not been banked yet. When it is, balance will be £349.71. AM paid her admin expenses. **JT had query re last cheque written to CHAWREC**

4 **Brief post-mortem of recent activities/ involvements**

- Saturday 20 July – Chris Matheson surgery session re Climate Emergency. Graham Booth from Chester Community Energy talked about the obstacles to Community Energy projects. Removal by the present government of subsidies for solar power and lack of support for on-shore wind farms was discussed. JT tried to get Chris to understand that the way forward is to decarbonise electricity. Gas unsustainable in the long term. JT gave him copy of Guardian report on meeting 25 targets on climate change: 24 were missed, and the only one met was purely administrative. Also gave him a further copy of Annie & Catherine Green's letter following the climate change lobby. We all felt that he did not really seem to grasp the urgency of the situation.

5 **Forthcoming events**

- CWDF Diary :
 - Sept 10th Forum Meeting: Jim Holmes. That had not been 100% confirmed. **BP to double check with Jim. JT will see if Natalia can be on stand-by**

- Oct: Jane Fisher – work of Centre for Alternative Technology (joint event with University?)
- Nov 12th Forum Meeting: Natalia Jancewicz of Transition Chester who will talk on “de-growth” – we cannot sustain continual growth on a planet with finite resources.
- Jan 14th - Consider someone from Climate Emergency Task Force. **JT will ask Colin Watson who to approach.** Task Force will have been in operation for 6 months by then so should be making progress.

Idea for future speaker - Richard Walker, managing director of Iceland? JT reported that Helen Tandy (FoE) has dealings with RW and would put us in touch.

6 Issues around the table/ AOB: none

7 Arrangements for next mailings, surface and email.

Email – reminder of next Forum meeting, diary update and anything else that crops up in the meantime

Surface mail – Forum minutes, diary update, reminder re next Forum meeting and anything else which crops up

8 Next Committee meeting: Monday 02 September 7:30pm, Vicki's?