

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 2 September 2019 at Vicki's

1 Welcome

Present: BP, TG, AM, VJ, and LC

Apologies: JT and GG

2 Minutes and matters arising:

- Committee 5-8-19:
 - BP has contacted GM re meeting with CAT and Jane Fisher. Date has been sorted.
 - BP had looked on line for "Heritage and Contributions" booklet on refugees in PDF form and has found one **so he will send that round in next mailing. He will copy some for surface mail – 10 copies needed**
 - Re committee looking in more detail at Stuart and Linda's talk and how it will impact on what we do – not everybody has had time to do this. Comments made: We've got to meet people "where they're at" and not to be confrontational; perhaps look at ideas for local action with CFoE such cars "idling" outside schools, taxis at the station. Get feedback from their next meeting
 - BP had double checked with Jim Holmes and found him not to be available in Nov and Natalia will speak instead. Jim to come at a later date
 - Re CSF meeting on 12th Sept – **AM to contact JT**

3 Finance & administration issues, including:

- Current bank balance: Latest bank balance not yet received but JT has paid out £41 to Mike Roberts for website. Problem with mistake over payment to Unity Centre is being sorted. No new members signed up

4 Brief post-mortem of recent activities/ involvements

- Relevant sessions to declare – BP, LC and VJ attended rally re Brexit on Friday evening in Chester
LC saw Greta's boat leave Plymouth harbour

5 Forthcoming events:

- Forum 10 Sept: Christian Dunn & Andy Scargill on role of Wetlands. TG will introduce Andy and Andy will introduce Christian. They will talk about the impact of wetlands on Climate. VJ will take the notes
- Forum 12 Nov: Natalia Jancewicz (Transition Chester) on "Degrowth".
- Wed 27th Nov: Jane Fisher – work of Centre for Alternative Technology (joint event with University. GM will compose a "blurb", organise posters and send something out to schools and advertise in University. Will Jane expect a fee? **BP will ask GM and LC will enquire from her friend (who told her about Jane) what would be expectations for fee**
- Other possibilities? Jim Holmes and GM on S America in January 2020

- **CWDF Diary – update of 31-8-19 attached.**
Concert on 17th Oct – in aid of City of Sanctuary – Wesley Methodist Church
Chocolate evening on 30th Sept in Quaker Meeting House

6 Issues around the table/ AOB

AM: CAFOD – Essay Writing Competition on climate change. Should we send out copies of winning entries?

BP: Mentioned the article in Mouthpeace re Shuttleworth's talk – to go out in mailing

TG: Reading plenty of positive articles on climate change actions particularly in churches. Re wind farms – seems that it is quite expensive to discover if the turbines are working properly but engineers are working on using a robot

7 Arrangements for next mailing, surface and email.

Covering email, diary, refugee booklet, article from MouthPeace elaborating on Stuart and Linda's talk and posters for concert on 17th October and chocolate evening on 30th Sept

Suggested: *email circulation 4-9-19, with copying that day for surface mailing by end of week (to act as reminder for 10 September Forum)* Agreed that photocopying would be done on 4th Sept

8 Next Committee meeting: Monday 7th October 7.30pm, Annie's?