

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 7 October 2019 at Annie's

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

**2 Minutes and matters arising:**

- Committee 2-9-19: BP did the photocopying  
JT and AM sent out notes on CSF meeting  
LC contacted Jane Fisher – she doesn't want any fee but give donation to charity or CAT
- Forum 10-9-19 – plus Wetlands note. Committee thought Christian was a very good speaker who was clearly very passionate about the subject.  
TG asked the Forum members about holding a Hustings as there will be election before the end of the year. Decided that we wait and see what happens with Brexit.  
Linda Shuttleworth has gone to Uganda and will give a talk in the new year.  
Ref to Sustainable Fair - will be discussed in AOB

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

Current bank balance – 308.56 less cheque for Unity Centre. Looks as if Unity Centre not paid in cheque as JT has not received a bank statement and he would have done had the cheque been paid in. Still not heard about previous cheque incorrectly processed by Barclays.

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

- Relevant sessions to declare:
  - Eco Communities – **TG will send Helen an email of support.** Meetings to get things started have been organised for 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. See diary for details. We can certainly advertise events
  - CSF – note from JT and AM been sent round. The evening also included a short presentation from the Community Energy scheme. Trying to raise £122,000 to provide renewable energy to Christleton Leisure Centre, Neston Sports Centre and Vicars Cross Community Centre.  
CSF will be the group to monitor CWaC's progress on the climate emergency.
  - Fairtrade Steering Group meeting – plan to continue to have regular Fairtrade stalls. Next one is in March in Fairtrade Fortnight. And Albert will have some stalls. And Albert has new name - Carpe Diem. There is talk about going to other town markets such as Frodsham  
HS "photo bombed" Chris Matheson's surgery the other week over the issue of Fairtrade.  
Members of Fairtrade Steering group are conducting a survey on businesses in Chester to see who is selling Fairtrade goods.  
HS wants to do another Fairtrade Trail but waiting to see if can get funding from council to set it up.
  - 30<sup>th</sup> Sept - Chocolate evening at QMH. First part was about 3 Quakers who set up Choc companies and second about ethics of chocolate.
  - JT attended Transition Chester meeting. Been in touch with parish council asking what would be their response to CWaC's decision on

climate emergency. Planning sub-committee recommended the Parish Council to adopt a positive policy to support CWaC's climate emergency.

## 5 Forthcoming events:

- Forum 12 Nov: Natalia Jancewicz (Transition Chester) on "Degrowth". Possibly a short presentation. Would prefer not to be interrupted with questions and discussion. At the end would like lively discussion. Would like to be advertised on social media. **Will go out on our website and JT will promote with CSF and Eco Communities.**
- Wed 27th Nov: Jane Fisher – work of Centre for Alternative Technology (joint event with University)
- Other possibilities? (E.g. Stall at Winter Fair 23 November?) – Committee agreed that we should have a stall. We need to "revamp" the leaflet before the fair. **VJ will ask Peter if anyone could do design. TG will also ask GM to see if University could help in any way.**  
**AM will phone around Forum members to ask for volunteers to man the stall. JT will invite Fairtrade steering group to join.**  
VJ, AM, LC and JT from the committee are available. Need to organise meeting asap to discuss resources for the stall. **JT to contact HS and SB.** (SB away until 16<sup>th</sup> Oct). Thursday mornings or Tues evenings are ok for CWDF committee members
- **CWDF Diary – update of 4-10-19 attached.**  
16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Chifundo Christmas Fair

## 6 Issues around the table/ AOB

- Issue of Traidcraft cards for signing on issue of ISDS. AM had requested more cards but nothing has arrived. Sue Bownas has ordered some. **AM to contact SB to see if need any more.**
- VJ concerned about the fact that we use plastic cups at the Forum meetings. Suggest that everybody brings their own cup. **BP to add note on next mailing requesting that people bring their own cup**
- VJ will work on revamping our signing-in sheet. Need email address for new members. JT suggested 1 side portrait for existing members and landscape for new members with room for email address and need GDPR statement at bottom.
- JT informed us can recycle any crisp packets and that there are various collection sites in Chester. Chester Zoo is definitely one and Dee Banks School on Sandy Lane. **AM to look up website to find more information.**
- If possible JT requested that an email go out to remind everyone that representations to CWaC on their climate emergency consultations must be in by 18<sup>th</sup> Oct

## 7 Arrangements for next mailing, surface and email.

**Suggested:** email circulation 6-11-19, with copying that day for surface mailing by end of week to act as reminder for 12 November Forum.

Plus: email-only circulation of Diary update mid- to late October if new dates come to our attention? Agreed

## 8 Next Committee meeting: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm, Vicki's