

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Monday 4 November 2019 at Vicki's

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

2 **Minutes and matters arising:**

- Committee 7-10-19:
 - TG has emailed Helen Tandy to offer our support for Eco Communities project
 - JT has promoted Natalia's talk at the next Forum meeting amongst other interested groups.
 - JT has no further details from Natalia. He has emailed her but not heard anything back. BP would like a bit more information to send out in email. **JT will write a few sentences and send to BP tomorrow to go out in mailing**
 - Re the redesigning of our leaflet - VJ asked husband Peter if he knew of any students who would undertake this – he didn't. TG asked GM if she knew of anyone and she put TG in touch with someone but quite expensive. BP has an ex colleague, Iain Taylor, who might be able to do it. **BP will contact him.** But it was agreed that before we take any further action on the design we need to decide on the content. TG, VJ, AM and JT will meet to discuss content. All need to think about ideas for the front page. Unfortunately this means that it won't be ready in time for The Sustainable Fair on 23rd Nov. **AM to email round a date to meet.**
 - Re Sustainable Fair – Linda and Stuart Shuttleworth offered to do a stint and Tom Ormiston and Tony Walsh. Fairtrade Steering group will share a table with us. Ours will be a raising awareness and "doing" table. Need to plan meeting to see what to go on stall. **AM to contact LC first about date as she has many daytime commitments.** Chester Fairtrading will have selling stall
 - **AM to order some more cards from Traidcraft on ISDS**

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

- Current bank balance: JT received bank balance from our branch this morning, and we have **£278.56** in our account. Apparently a statement has been produced at the end of October, but it's still in the post. Adding in the last Forum collection, we have £26.10 in hand in cash, so no problem to pay out any expenses from recent mailings.
- The issue of the incorrectly credited CHAWREC cheque remains unresolved, and Anita Dean has not responded to either of JT's last 2 emails so he will go to the Unity Centre during her working hours. On a more positive note, the fact that we have a statement coming means that CHAWREC has paid in our last room hire cheque during October ... or maybe it was FoE ...JT gave Helen Tandy a cheque for £10 to pay for the table at the fair on Saturday 23 November which we will be sharing with the Fairtrade group.
- No further membership applications/renewals since last reported, which is a bit disappointing but not unexpected. Perhaps we can recruit some new members via our forthcoming events.

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

- Relevant sessions to declare? JT signed up for 10 x Greener event which is taking place after the Sustainable Fair on 23rd at St Mary's Centre. **JT will attend FoE meeting on 20th Nov to find out more but will also email Helen Tandy to find out. BP wants to put more info in mailing**
- TG went to film last week organised by CFoP. Quite well attended and interesting film. Had speaker who was very good. Art exhibition was in Northgate Street and now moved to University in Kingsway if anyone interested
- BP was keen to find out if anyone attended Joseph O'Neill's Conference. Nobody had attended from committee. Perhaps ask Katy and Brian Rowe for their opinion.
- JT attended AGM of Chester Community Energy. To buy shares need to invest a minimum of £250. AM asked if it was possible to invest as a group. **JT will ask CCE if can do group shares**
- BP asked about CSF and why it can't be advertised in the diary. JT explained that it is not an open meeting – it is by invitation only. CWDF is represented as he goes to the meetings and will always report back. We can send rep if JT not able to go.

5 Forthcoming events:

- Forum 12 Nov: Natalia Jancewicz (Transition Chester) on "Degrowth". Needs projector
- Sat 23 Nov - Stall at Sustainable Chester Winter Fair (joint stall with Fair Trade and **AM to arrange meeting with LC first and then get in touch with VJ, JT and AM**)
- Tues 27 Nov: Jane Fisher on the work of Centre for Alternative Technology, joint event with University. Matter of donation was discussed and it was agreed to give Jane a cheque for £25 as donation to CAT
- Other possibilities? Pre-Election meeting of candidates re Development issues? All agreed that not possible for CWDF to organise in the time. However, Ken Walker (chair of Chester City Centre Churches Together, with Pre-Election meetings in their remit) had told BP that they were currently considering whether to hold one this time. **BP will speak to Ken to encourage them to organise one, with active support from CWDF.** We can support with attendance and by offering questions on International Development issues.
- **CWDF Diary – update of 31-10-19 attached.**
GG informed us of a meeting in Manchester for Cuba Solidarity Campaign?
Any further Extinction Rebellion events?

6 Issues around the table: Robin Roth, CE of Traidcraft, is coming to Chester on the weekend of 8/9th Feb. He will be speaking at Wesley on the Sunday morning. Sue Bownas wished to ask committee whether we would like him to talk to Forum members and friends on Feb 8th. Agreed by committee. **AM to liaise with SB.** JT to step down as chair of Fairtrade Steering Group by middle next year

7 Arrangements for next mailing, surface and email – covering email, updated diary, posters for Chifundo Winter Fair on 16th Nov and CAT talk on 27th Nov
In addition for those on surface mail – minutes of last Forum meeting on 10th Sept and the Wetlands talk
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).*

8 Next Committee meeting: Monday 2nd December 7.30pm, Annie's