

Chester World Development Forum



Minutes of the Forum Meeting held on Tuesday 14 January 2020 at The Unity Centre

*The Forum meeting opened with a presentation by Colin Watson on
the Climate Emergency and the work of the CWaC Task Team.*

This is covered in a separate note.

- 1 **Welcome:** Terry Green chaired the meeting
Present: Terry Green, John Tacon, Ann McCarthy (CAFOD), Gerald Grant, Linda and Stewart Shuttleworth, Arnold Wilkes (Transition Chester), Sean English (Greenpeace), Tony Walsh and Tom Ormiston (EP J and P Group), Gill Miller (University of Chester), Vicki Jenner, Elizabeth Bott (CAMCC), Brian Rowe (Chester Friends of Palestine), Catherine Green (CAFOD, XR), Peter Speirs, Neil Gibbons (Chester City of Sanctuary), Andrew Needham and Jim Cameron (CPRE), Angela Macquiban, Paul Mathias and Cynthia Moore (Transition Northwich), Diane Williams, and Michael Fallon (XR)

Apologies: Margaret Lord, Bernard Payne, Lindsay Cussons
- 2 **Minutes/ notes of Forum meetings, and matters arising:**
 - Forum of 12th November 2019 (*previously circulated, including note of Natalia Jancewicz' talk on "Degrowth"*) – no matters arising
 - Chair to report on key issues covered in Committee meetings held on **2nd December 2019** and **6th January 2020**. Key issues discussed at Committee meetings included report back on the Sustainable Fair stall and the Hustings held in November, arrangements for future speakers at Forum meetings, the possibility of organising another "Food Matters" Conference and the revising of our leaflet.
- 3 **Treasurer's report, including progress with 2020 subscriptions:**
 - Current bank balance: JT has received the latest statement and there are no cheques outstanding. Balance is £.233.56 and £11.56 in hand.
 - £72 in subscriptions to be paid in plus a further £30
- 4 **Arrangements for forthcoming events/ relevant activities, including:**
 - **Wed 22 Jan: "Introducing the Chester Wetland Centre"** 7.30 pm Best Building, University of Chester
 - **Wed 29 Jan: "Towards a Geography of Industrial Decarbonisation"** 7.30 - 9.00pm Best Building, University of Chester. Visitors are welcome to attend this lecture by Prof Joseph Howe Executive Director of the University's Thornton Energy Research Institute
 - **Mon 3 Feb: Greenpeace Chester Introductory Meeting** 7.00 pm Town Crier pub, City Road. Sean English spoke about the introductory meeting. Please spread the word
 - **Any further events/ activities** as listed in the **CWDF Latest Diary**, or that should be added:
 - Fairtrade Steering group meeting - there will be a Fairtrade stall again in Chester market on the first Friday and Saturday of Fairtrade Fortnight. JT reported that Louise Gittins, CW&C leader, is very supportive of what the

group are trying to do. Most Fairtrade activity takes place in Chester, Neston, and Ellesmere Port at present so the FTSG is keen to raise awareness within the rest of the Borough and get more groups engaged with the FTSG.

- Christian Aid - Lent Lunches begin on 2nd March and continue on the next 4 Mondays (9th, 16th and 23rd) in Quaker Meeting House, Union Walk off Frodsham Street and 30th March in St Mary's Church Hall, Handbridge from 12 noon until 1.30pm.
- CAFOD fund raising quiz on 17th Jan in Our Lady Star of the Sea church hall, Ellesmere Port at 7.30pm. Money raised is going towards project in Colombia
- 2 of our members, Tony Walsh and Tom Ormiston, are carrying out a survey in Ellesmere Port to see how many shops are selling Fairtrade goods

5 Issues from around the table/ AOB:

If any CWDF member knows of anyone who could help with redesigning our leaflet, please contact a member of the committee

6 Date of next Forum meeting:

Tuesday 10th March, 6.45 for 7.00pm at The Unity Centre

Speakers Linda and Stewart Shuttleworth on the charity "Jamie's Fund", a very small UK charity which raises money to help people with mental health issues in Uganda