

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 4 October 2021 via Zoom



- 1 **Welcome:** & Apologies (Bernard)
Present: TG, JT, VJ, AM, LC, GW and GM
Apologies: BP

- 2 **Minutes and matters arising:**
 - Committee 6 September
JT has contacted Anne Saxon from XR re lobbying of banks. See JT's email for response from Anne
VJ has been in touch with BP re issue of password
TG has taken cheque to Unity Centre to pay for room hire
TG invited Chris Matheson to meet with us and date fixed for 28th Jan 2022
GM agreed to chair the meeting on 16th November. Prior to the meeting we need to share outcomes of COP26
 - Forum Minutes - 14 September: no matters arising.
GM commented that it would be useful to know if anyone logged on to the links she presented in her talk.

- 3 **Finance update:** No change from previous meeting as far as we know

- 4 **Website/Social Media update:**

Facebook is down today. 3 new followers on Facebook page. GW encouraged us to invite people to "like" the page. She is posting more information all the time. Twitter – needs to "retweet" – encourages more people to tweet. GM's talk got 128 impressions. Lots of information coming out re climate change from Oxfam, Christian Aid etc. Comment made that everything on the website has got US-type date on it. JT decided to use the US dating system because the information then comes up chronologically. Seemingly that may look a bit confusing - looks like 2 years old. Can we just use a different title ie Sept 2021 diary for instance? **VJ will look into it**

- 5 **Future CWDF and related events:**
 - **In Person Meetings plus Zoom:**

Problem of seeing and hearing each other?
Following the last Forum meeting BP asked whether it was possible for those on Zoom to see the members who attended in person and also some way of hearing the discussion which followed. There is no camera on the whiteboard. Different solutions were discussed:

 - Could all those who have them bring laptops?
 - GW has a gadget which is used in school perhaps borrow to try out? She also has a friend who may be able to help with ideas. **GW to look into it**
 - Ask Helen Tandy whether she has the equipment to relay?

 - **Monday 01 – Friday 12th November: COP 26 UN Climate Change Conference, Glasgow**

 - **Friday 05 – Saturday 06 November: CWDF participation in Chester Sustainability Forum's Cathedral Exhibition?**

CSF contacts Martin Preston & Steve Hughes. We need to decide what to have on the table. Leaflets from GM on "Five talents" etc, the banner, posters from past events. **AM to check setting up from 2 – 5.15pm on Friday 5th Nov and also whether there will be boards provided? TG will go to get banner from BP asap. AM to look for posters. AM to put rota on email for people to sign up to.**

- **Tuesday 16 November CWDF Forum - discussion on Post COP outcomes**
 - JT to contact groups - CFoE, CSF, Transition Chester and XR to get idea of numbers.
 - VJ suggested one spokesperson from each group but others could come.
 - GM suggested asking one person from each group to give a presentation of 3 minutes on their thoughts after Cop 26. Then time for discussion after.
 - **Deadline to know how many expected by 9th Nov.**
 - **Once we know numbers GM suggested we have a half hour meeting via Zoom to discuss logistics – say from 6.45 – 7.15pm**
- **December 14: social networking and groups update:**
Decision to review and discuss this event at the next Committee meeting
- **January 28th** - Chris Matheson. TG will check whether The Unity Centre open that evening
- Further suggestions for the 2021 and 2022 programmes? Decision to leave discussing this until our first meeting in January

6 CWDF Diary:

- October Young People's event at the Cathedral organised by the University –23rd October from 1.30 – 3.30.
- 13 November Winter Fair at Rowton Hall – preliminary information from Helen Tandy already circulated

7 Arrangements for next email and surface mail circulations:

Circulation to be done by end October to act as reminder of 16th November meeting. Mail to include business minutes of last Forum meeting (GM's presentation has already gone out by email) and the diary. Surface mail to also include paper copy of GM's presentation. GW again encouraging us to "like" events on Facebook

8 AOB:

AM to resend minutes of last committee meeting to VJ

VJ announced Peter's retirement in the summer so very sadly they will be moving to out of Chester. They will be very sorely missed

Both TG and AM went to Big Green Week Fair in Grosvenor Park

9 Arrangements for next Committee meeting – Monday 1st Nov – 7pm at Annie's