

Chester World Development Forum

Forum Meeting Tuesday 10 January 2023 at
7.00pm at Unity Centre



Business Meeting:

- 1 **Welcome:** Bernard Payne chaired the meeting in Terry's absence
Present: Bernard Payne, John Tacon, Lindsay Lloyd-Cussons, Ann McCarthy, Gill Miller, Tom Ormiston, Tony Walsh, Katy and Brian Rowe, Stewart Shuttleworth and Peter Speirs. Terry Green and Arnold Wilkes via Zoom
Apologies: Heather Swainston, Helen Connor, Linda Shuttleworth

- 2 **Minutes of meetings and matters arising:**
 - Forum 15.11.22: No matters arising
 - Committee meetings: 5th Dec and 9th Jan
Discussions took place around our involvement with Fairtrade Fortnight, booking future speakers and organising a celebratory event for CWDF's 30 year anniversary
Committee also shared concerns about the future of CWDF and these to be put to the next Forum meeting.

- 3 **Finance update:**

As of 31st Dec, £111.05 in the account and £18.79 in the cash tin
JT wished to point out that, when members are renewing their subs, there is no need to fill in the form unless any of your details have changed such as address.
Just send JT a separate email

- 4 **Website/Social Media update and updating?**

No update available

- 5 **Future CWDF events:**

March 14: Dr Rebecca Collins: Current Trends and Challenges in the Global Fashion industry - 7pm in The Unity Centre
May 16 AGM: Steve Hughes, Chair of Chester Sustainability Forum – 7pm in The Unity Centre

- 6 **CWDF 30th Anniversary June 2023:**

How do we celebrate? Provisional date is 24th June from 3 – 5. Possible Venues are St Columba's church hall, Upton, and the Hoole Community Centre
Speaker suggestions welcome. GM has invited Gyles Brandreth who was Chester's MP when CWDF started. Another possibility – Romy Tiongco?

- 7 **Future of CWDF:**

The membership and Committee are ageing and we do not seem to attract new

members. Attendance at meetings has been on the low side. We have a lot of flyers about CWDF and should be glad if members could distribute them. We wonder whether the 30th Anniversary is a time to end a most distinguished career? Life is changing and a number of voluntary organisations like ours are struggling.

What do members think?

- Maybe younger people would rather join an online meeting.
- NGOs don't have big campaigns like "Make Poverty History".
- Preaching to the converted.
- Transfer of interest from development to sustainability.
- Perhaps as an alternative to a speaker we could read an article/paper/watch a video clip followed by discussion

8 Any reports from members on events in their organizations:

SS: Update on Jamie's Fund – Suicide awareness training programme in Uganda during Dec with 32 participants

TW: Cafod Quiz Friday 13th Jan in Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port.

Attending a film "The Letter", a documentary on climate change based on "Laudato Si" (Latin for "Praised Be"), Pope Francis' encyclical on caring for our common home — planet earth

Christmas card signing success for Palestinians

KR: Christian Aid - 14th April Climate Justice event at 7pm in St Mary's, Handbridge.

BR: Chester Friends of Palestine - Successful concert in Dec 22nd Feb at 7.30 in Wesley Church Centre - next meeting. Sue King will talk about her experiences after visiting Hebron.

9 Date of next meeting:

Tuesday March 14th 7pm in the Unity Centre