

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 6 March 2023 at Annie's



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

2 **Minutes and matters arising:**

- Committee 6 February circulated 24 February
 - AM contacted Transform Trade for more copies of the newsletter and left a message. No news as yet
 - Re speaker for 30th anniversary event -Romy not coming back to this country this year but would be prepared to do video link'
 - No news from Gyles
 - AM not had chance to contact Chris Russell

BP suggested that, seeing as it was proving difficult to get a speaker, we should cancel the idea of a 30th anniversary celebration. It was unclear also as to who would come.

There followed considerable discussion as to CWDF continuing. Terry intends to stand down as chair at the AGM. Other committee members also felt that CWDF was coming to the end of its time.

The proposal therefore from members of committee present – finish at end of year and have a little celebration then.

On a more positive note JT reported that the Fairtrade stall in the Chester Market for Fairtrade Fortnight was doing very well and had already sold over £1000 of goods.

3 **Finance update:**

No new bank statement. Carol Murphy has sent sub on behalf of Holy Trinity Church. **AM to include a confirmation in the next mailing**
£400 in bank at present.

4 **Website/Social Media update:**

BP has included GM's talk on website in 3 different ways. BP will get in touch with Mike Roberts to find out way of having access to numbers of people using the website. No new posts on website.

5 **Future CWDF meetings events:**

- 14 March: Dr Rebecca Collins – “Current Trends and Challenges in the global Fashion Industry. **GM will set up Zoom link**
- 9 May: CWDF AGM - Steve Hughes, Chair of Sustainability Forum, will give an overview of the initiatives, campaigns and events currently happening or being developed by members of CSF
- 11th July: **TG will invite Sam Dixon to one of these meetings.** If neither date suits or then GM still has a talk available
- 12th Sept:
- 14th Nov: Suggestion that invite Andrew Mitchell (a Minister of State in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office – FCDO) as a joint meeting with the university

6 Events with Eco Communities:

Most of the events are not suitable for us to take part but we will take part in The Big Green Week in Grosvenor Park.

7 Future of CWDF:

Already discussed

8 Arrangements for 30th Anniversary of CWDF June 2023:

Postponed

This note has been added to the minutes as a suggestion from GM that we could have a celebratory drink at the AGM in May or even at the July meeting. People will already have both dates in the diaries so we are likely to get more members attending – more celebration than “running out of steam”

9 Diary circulated 2 March 2023:

JT sent last week. Note Mark Bendall's event on 14th March – Palestinian students

10 Arrangements for next email and surface mail circulations:

JT will send out a reminder about Tuesday's meeting and new diary.
AM to print out for surface mail

11 Arrangements for next Committee meeting – Monday 3 April 2023 7.30pm at Annie's as JT only just returning from holiday

Note to say that TG stepping down at AGM and if no-one is willing to take on this role then CWDF will fold – to go out with minutes of Forum meeting or be mentioned at the Forum meeting on 14th March?