

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 5 April 2017 at Vicki's

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

2 Minutes and matters arising:

- Committee 5-3-17: William Tacon, John's brother, has agreed to give a talk at the university on "Supporting Entrepreneurs in Bhutan". WT is in negotiation with GM re a possible date.
- Forum 14-3-17: At the meeting CWDF were informed of a Student International Development Group and it was suggested we make contact with the group. Committee decided this was best left now until Sept as students will be doing exams and some will be leaving.

3 Finance & administration issues, including:

- Current bank balance - £443.47 as at end Feb. Subs from CDEC and And Albert received. Cheque also received from Ron Reid. CHAWREC been paid for hire of room and expenses given to AM for photocopying and postage. Ended up with same amount.
With regard to building – concern has been expressed by CWDF because some power sockets not working and lighting outside is very poor. Has been reported by CHAWREC to CWaC and nothing has been done. JT has emailed CWaC re safety issues but had no reply as yet.
- Progress with 2017 subs – many not yet paid – groups and individuals. **AM to contact KS and PP.**

4 CWDF Diary – update of 4-4-17 attached: any comments/additions

Week of Action from Climate Coalition. Let BP know dates for diary
Taking place from 1st – 9th July – see note at bottom of page taken from The Climate Coalition's website.

5 Forum AGM 9th May:

Speaker Cat Barton re Chester Zoo environmental work, plus students re "CWDF Sustainable Futures" project.

Students' presentation to JT and VJ will be either 8th or 16th May. 10 mins presentation to be done at AGM with some informal/clarification questions. Final report will be tabled in July. Outcomes of project findings to be discussed at June committee meeting

We think outcome will largely be to use social media as way of advertising our events.

- Preparatory work needed on Annual Report: **TG to draft annual report and JT will do accounts.**

6 Issues from around the table/ AOB:

AM: Sue Bownas has some cards - "Brexit: Make it work for everyone" - from The Fairtrade Foundation to be signed and sent to MP. Should we order some more cards and get them out to our constituent groups? Committee agreed.

AM to ask SB to order more cards. Suggested groups/ venues - CAFOD, Christian Aid, Chester Fairtrading, And Albert, St Peter's, Chaplaincy, CWDF AGM.

Fairtrade Foundation email address re signing cards to go out in next mailing.

Committee agreed that, rather than send cards, we should present them to Chris M at one of his surgeries.

VJ will contact Chris Matheson's office re dates for surgery

JT send round petition re fossil fuels. Of particular concern is Donald Trump and his plan to revive the coal fields. Who is going to buy the coal? Certainly not the Chinese – they are massively investing in renewable energy

TG: read out report from "Green Christian" which gave information on a number of countries meeting their targets as agreed in Paris. For example – India is expecting that 57% of its electricity will come from non-fossil fuel sources by 2027. (India's Paris goal was 40% by 2030).

TG read out letter from John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, about the UK Parliament week from 13 to 19 November 2017. **Terry to send for more information.**

- 7 Arrangements for next mailing(s) email and surface:** Updated diary, Forum minutes including talk on Vietnam, Fairtrade Foundation card signing information and annual report

- 8 Next Committee meeting: Mon 1st May 7.30pm, Annie's**

Speak Up Week of Action

Last year, people across the UK joined our Week of Action and organised hundreds of events in their communities to celebrate the people, places, and things they want to protect most from climate change. Get ready — the Week of Action is back this summer from 1st - 9th July and is gearing up to be even bigger than before.

We're excited to link with the fifth Community Energy Fortnight this year and once again bring together community energy initiatives, schools and WI groups; conservationists and faith leaders; sports clubs and local businesses - highlighting the breadth of people that care about climate change and celebrating the crucial role community energy initiatives play in reducing carbon emissions. We'll be inviting MPs to champion this commitment in parliament.

We're getting ready to launch very soon, but in the meantime please check out the highlights from last year and continue to watch this space to create a new event.