

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 24 July 2017 at Annie's

1 Welcome:

TG chaired the meeting

Present: TG, VJ, BP, GG, AM, LC, JT

2 Minutes and matters arising:

- Committee 20-6-17. Card to PB done. AM not had chance to ask SB about coming on committee. Cat Barton report done
CVA been approached and would be prepared to put on a course on how to use social media but TG not heard any more. Card gone to HS. JT sent list of non-payers round.
- Forum 11-7-17, including “*Three Jumbos*” (*Minutes in preparation*)

3 Finance & Subscriptions: 469.77 – bank balance. £30 been paid to Chwarec. £450.81. Mark Rideal paid £8.00. JT basic running costs £240 per year. JT proposes £5.00 individual membership and £10 for groups. Could use this as promotion for our anniversary year. Maybe need extra cash for website if problems again plus money for speakers. Good idea to contact each group and see what we can do for them and what they can do for us. If all we do is provide information to churches then quite happy to do it for free. Letter by email to all churches to share our ideas re information. **VJ to find out details of Churches Together in Chester**

4 CWDF Sustainable Futures – further consideration of the students’ report, including points raised at July Forum, and how this may influence our programme planning?

Points to consider

**TG to email Martin Evans re using university and any costs since GM retiring
JT will contact Peter Benson (Chester Friends of the Earth) and Michael Johnson (Amnesty Group) re future contacts/involvement**

BP suggested writing individually to different groups inviting them to Sept meeting to help us “move forward”. Make it the start of our 25th year celebration.

Suggestion that we send out a “lively letter” in next mailing to persuade members to come and give us their views on the way forward. Perhaps put questions in the letter to get people thinking.

Discussion on subs, meetings and local actions, how to work with local groups and how to celebrate our 25th anniversary

Is there any room in Storyhouse to hold our meetings?

Visual impacts when campaigning

Present national campaigns locally. Diary very good way of publicising events.

Awareness task difficult.

Heather Swainston does Twitter – maybe we could use her skills

Do we need to revamp our brochure.

5 CWDF Autumn meetings – suggested arrangements for:

- Forum Tuesday 12 September: Logistics of meeting to be discussed at next committee meeting. Possibility of holding it in Storyhouse. **TG in town tomorrow and will ask who to contact, what rooms they have and rates. BP will compose a first draft lively letter to go out to all groups.**
- Chris Matheson meeting Tuesday 3 October: GM has booked the seminar room in Best Building.
- 10th Oct – William Tacon’s talk – GM has requested a “snappier title”
- Forum Tuesday 14 November: Possible meeting to discuss with students. Possibility of showing Leonardo di Caprio film on climate change. Plan some actions using materials/resources from NGOs

6 CWDF Diary – update of 18-7-17 attached: any comments/additions

- Also attached for information: Chester Friends of Palestine bulletin & calendar
- Some information on Sustainable Chester to go out in the diary. **JT will do**
- Picnic in the park – Friends of Countess of Chester Country Park. Committee decided that this wasn’t really within our remit.
- Fairtrade stall on weekend of 12/13th Aug.

7 Issues from around the table/ AOB

JT reported on meeting of “Sustainable Chester” which he attended. Chris Matheson chaired the meeting which was non-party political. Attendees were asked to say what they did and what they were interested in. Somebody mentioned the use of non-recyclable plastic cups in Chester and what can be done about this waste.

Groups that were represented included Transition Chester and Chester Community Energy. CCE have 5 new projects in the pipeline. Next meeting is on 28th Sept and will focus on air quality in Chester. Follow up on 30th Nov on transport. At the end of each meeting hope to have decided on 3 actions. Suggestion that we email CM with dates of our regular meetings. This could prove to be a good link. JT happy to attend meetings and keep the Forum informed.

JT: Re sending out petitions. VJ wondered whether possible to send them out to all our members. It may be possible to send out links on Facebook/twitter in future. Decision to leave for now until after Sept meeting.

TG: article re aid in Guardian. Gave us each a copy. TG would like to raise issue with Chris Matheson on 3rd Oct

8 Arrangements for next mailing, email and surface:

Photocopying will be done on 16th Aug by AM. To go out: minutes of July Forum plus John Williams’ talk, diary, “lively letter” with collage of past events

9 Next Committee meeting: Mon 4th Sept 7.30pm, Vicki’s?