

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021



- 1 **Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting  
**Present:** TG, JT, GW, AM, LC and VJ  
**Apologies:** GM and BP
- 2 **Minutes and matters arising:**
  - Committee 14 June
    - HSBC and Barclays reminder – action to be discussed at next meeting
    - Some concern as to whether CWDF has members consent to send out information via email. VJ has been checking and over the years at various events a form has been given out asking people to join. This was followed up with a form from BP asking people whether they wanted to go on the mailing list. The giving of the email is their consent.
    - **AM – to contact Ged Riley re battery on laptop**
    - GW has posted 13<sup>th</sup> July meeting on Facebook page and will do more posts nearer the date. She has also put it on Chester Community Noticeboard
    - JT has delivered the cheque to the Unity Centre and also made a provisional booking.
    - **JT will contact Possible about the event in the Cathedral**
    - JT has set up a new email and GW has put the new contacts on our Facebook page. Committee to let JT know if any events come our way as not all groups keep us informed of events – we have to seek them out  
**VJ will liaise with GW on how to change things on website to help out**
    - Re the printing of the flyer – Committee agreed to use Bell Graphics but unsure about the quality of the paper. Gloss or matt may be a possibility but may not be recyclable **VJ will see if Bell Graphics will send a sample of paper (170gsm). If not possible VJ and AM will go to Ellesmere Port to pay them a visit!**
    - Re Zoom link for meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July – **AM will contact GM**
- 3 **Finance update:**  
No bank statement. £70 from CND, £120 to Chawrec. Statement to follow
- 4 **Website/Social Media update:**  
GW has posted 13<sup>th</sup> July meeting on Facebook. There's been more engagement in the last couple of weeks. In the last week 15 people been reached.
- 5 **Future CWDF and related events, Zoom based (later ones possibly "Hybrid"):**
  - **CWDF Forum-by-Zoom Tuesday 13 July: "Fair Tax Now"**  
Speaker Dr. Justin Thacker, former Director of the campaign group Church Action for Tax Justice. It calls for fairer national and global tax systems and puts forward a range of policy proposals designed to make the tax system fairer for all.  
GM to set up link
  - **CWDF Forum Tuesday 14 September: "A Year of Summits"**  
Gill Miller will provide an overview of the major international gatherings that have taken place and are still to take place over the course of 2021 – including the G7 and G20 gatherings and, not least "COP 26"  
**(Need to explore Zoom-hybrid option?) GM to set up link. One of us to act as driver. Need to check details at next committee meeting**
  - **Monday 01 – Friday 12th November: COP 26 UN Climate Change Conference, Glasgow**

- Anyone going – not sure as yet. GW and AM may go
  - Possible event bringing together various groups. GM has been exploring the possibility of event at the university but it looks very unlikely that they would host anything until next year.
  - Other venues suggested – Storyhouse, Schools?
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Nov Forum meeting – should member groups share thoughts and views? What does COP mean for Chester?
- **Friday 05 – Saturday 06 November: CWDF participation in Chester Sustainability Forum’s Cathedral Exhibition?**  
CSF contacts Martin Preston & Steve Hughes. So far 25 – 30 groups have signed up but there are only 19 tables. Groups may have to share tables
  - Further suggestions for the 2021 and 2022 programmes?  
Suggestion for event at end Nov/early Dec – discussion of outcomes of COP26 and the implications for Chester. Venue could be the Unity Centre or a school. Will depend to some extent on Covid. Invite Chris Matheson and also Richard Beecham and Matt Bryant, Councillors.
- 6 CWDF Diary: (Current version is still Bernard’s from 12-6-21)**  
Anything to add? JT has not directly been sent any further information of events.
- “Great Big Green Week” 18-26 September – climate change actions and events being organised by various groups (or just FoE?) Suggestion that lobby of HSBC and Barclay Banks take place during that week.
  - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 1.30 – 3.30pm Youth Climate Conference at the Cathedral organised by Rebecca Collin, Chester University. Plan is to have 3-4 opening talks each lasting 5 – 10 minutes. These will be on a wide range of climate/biodiversity-themes. This will be followed with roundtable discussions. The age groups involved will span primary school to university. Rebecca is currently working to agree the themes. Then will reach out to local schools, brownies, scouts etc.
  - 13 November Winter Fair at Rowton Hall – preliminary information from Helen Tandy already circulated
- 7 Arrangements for next email and surface mail circulations:**  
JT to send out email to act as reminder for 13 July Forum and also ask if any groups Have anything to add to the diary.
- 8 AOB:**  
AM: to do brief summary of G7 from Cafod and Christian Aid websites to be circulated  
JT: CFoE very active. JT attended XR meeting – they have organised a round Chester Bike ride on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July to highlight the probable effects of climate change on the city landscape and also an event on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July from 11 – 2pm meeting at The Groves to demonstrate a coastal path of the future
- 9 Arrangements for next Committee meeting** – next regular dates would be Monday 2 August and Monday 6 September ... **still with Zoom?** A number of committee members cannot do 2<sup>nd</sup> August. **AM to make chart suggesting alternative dates for next meeting**