

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 2nd May 2022 at Annie's

1. Welcome: TG chaired the meeting

Present: TG, VJ, LC, JT, GM and AM

2. Minutes and matters arising from committee meeting 5th April

- AM sent link to JT from Andrew Binns – the recording of Dominic Brain's talk
- AM posted sub form to Pam Price. And JT has subsequently received her sub
- TG contacted Anne Reybekill re her speaking at the AGM but her reply was negative
- JT booked Unity centre for AGM and other dates provisionally
- AM collected files from BP but unfortunately not been able to find a "constitution" as such. **AM will contact BP again**

3. Finance update :

JT has received £10 from Pam Price for her subs and small donation.

Hopefully JT will receive bank statement before AGM

JT to send TG receipt for Wesley sub

SB needs a sub form. **JT will email her one and also to AM**

4. Website/Social Media update:

VJ has looked up the links and they all seem up to date. VJ will add a link to City of Sanctuary

Ask at AGM whether anybody would take on website.

Some doubts expressed re the members area. **VJ will ask BP what was the rationale behind having members area.** Committee thinks this will put people off.

Maybe necessary to start the website again.

5. Approval of Annual Report and Finance Report to be presented to AGM:

Reports approved

6. Local Action re Barclays and HSBC over their large investments in Fossil Fuels:

There is a shareholder meeting next week in Manchester. Barclay's is 7th largest investor in fossil fuels and HSBC 13th. It involves mega bucks

JT has been into Barclays and the Chester branch now has a branch manager.

The suggestion is that we write to them after meeting in Manchester and then visit the branch. Also ask people at AGM to raise objections with Barclays.

TG, JT and AM to visit branch to represent CWDF. 38 degrees have launched a Campaign. **GM will send us link to lobby group**

7. Future CWDF and related events:

AGM on May 10th – agenda needs to go out.

All present committee agreed to stay on.

Issues to be brought to AGM - recruitment of new members, someone to take charge of the website, social media and attendance at meetings.

It was stressed that the committee is not in a good place because it needs more people and its possible that CWDF may have to fold next year.

John Murton – envoy at COP26 talk.

Format for AGM: Business meeting first followed by election of committee and then have John Murton's talk with discussion after. John Murton was an envoy at COP26. GM will give a short introduction and send us the link so we could have a look in advance. The talk will last 26 minutes. May throw up some ideas for actions.

July 19th - Linda and Stewart Shuttleworth on their recent trip to Uganda

Sept 13th - Mark Bendall, Senior lecturer in Dept of Social and Political Science, University of Chester

Paul Tacon in November? Re topic for Paul's talk - **GM will speak to Mark when new timetable out in June/July to discuss a relevant topic**

Suggestions for future Forum meetings?

8. CWDF Diary:

AM to send JT details of Christian Aid Week and CAFOD new campaign

9. Arrangements for next email and surface mail circulations:

Link to Dominic Brain's talk, JT's notes from the talk, AGM information including annual report, subs reminder, financial report and diary

10. AOB:

TG had received a very supportive reply from Chris Matheson in response to his letter on the Biodiversity Plan

Next meeting: 11th July 7.30pm at Vicki's