

Wiltshire Fairtrade County

15/6/17

Devizes Quaker Meeting House, Kennet View, The Nursery, Devizes
SN10 2AE.

Present: Pete Barnett (Trowbridge, Chairman), Cristina Bennett (Swindon), Nikki Kenna (Corsham), Vivienne Kynaston (BoA, minutes secretary), Colette Som (Calne, publicity), Jacky Thomas (Devizes Treasurer). Stan Woods (Calne).

Apologies: Nick Maurice, Steve Oldrieve, Janet Way.

1. Minutes of 18/5/17 approved.

2. Matters Arising

Colette has sent 2 photos of each event except Warminster. Kirstie Reeve from Swindon liked the Facebook page.

Action 1 Vivienne ask Sheelagh for Warminster photos.

Action 2 Colette send photos again

Action 3 WC Cllr Laura Mayes (Roundway) was re-elected and again takes on the Cabinet Member role for Children, Education and Skills; Steve Oldrieve also re-elected as WC Councillor will approach her about promoting Fairtrade within the Council, Cabinet and support to the County Group.

3. Treasurers Report

No change from last meeting.

Vivienne has been unable to find information about 2017 FT campaigning awards.

Action 4 Vivienne phone FTF about awards.

4. Development Plan

Outline plan template was circulated and agreed as a model, specific Wiltshire FT campaign discussed, Cristina wrote up notes.

Action 5: Cristina to forward draft notes to Nikki before next meeting so they can be reviewed before wider confirmation at the July Committee meeting.

5. AGM Sat 30th September.

Agreed to use Springfield Community Campus, Beechfield Rd, Corsham SN13 9DN, in Brunel Room after Transcoco Give and Take 10.00-12.30.

Outline format:

12.30-1.30 Lunch provided by Corsham Fairtrade in Brunel Room.

1.30-3.30 AGM.

Election of Officers – the following offered to stand:

Chairwoman: Colette.

Vice-Chair: Steve.

Treasurer: Jacky.

Secretary: Vivienne.

Media: vacancy agreed Social Media and Press outline experience requirement of role.

Members: initially representatives of the Towns that support the Committee.

Registration for the AGM is on Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fairtrade-in-wiltshire-agm-tickets-35442746208>

Action 6:

Cristina will invite Swindon Council to attend and nominate Fairtrade representative.

At next meeting:

- AGM agenda.
- Check IT needed for Skype and video link to Patrick Kaberia Muthaura and to show short films.
- Publicity and inviting nominations.

6. All Party Parliamentary Group for Fairtrade.

This APPG was formed in late 2015, with initial members from Labour, Conservative, SNP, Liberal Democrat and SDLP parties. The co-chairs were Jason McCartney MP (Conservative) and Holly Lynch MP (Labour). The Fairtrade Foundation acts as secretariat. The group aims to support the work of Fairtrade in Parliament and the work of MPs with Fairtrade in their constituencies. Pete confirmed correspondence from the FTF that no Wiltshire MPs currently support the APPG.

Vivienne attended FTF event at Parliament on 28th, with aim to encourage more MP's to join group. Speakers were DFID Minister Rory Stewart (Cons) and Co-Chair Holly Lynch (Lab). At that time there were over 100 MP and Parliamentary staff members.

<http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/Get-Involved/In-your-community/Fairtrade-All-Party-Parliamentary-Group>

Action 7: each write to their MP urging them to join when Parliament re-convenes.

7. SW website <http://www.fairtradesouthwest.org.uk>.

Colette has not yet heard from Noel Creswell (FTF media lead).

Stan has made spreadsheet of activity on the site which shows it is so very intermittently used as to be unreliable and off-putting to new enquirers.

Action 8 Colette write to Noel to discuss a way forward for website with the potential for it to be taken down if no administration solution can be found.

8. Local recognition for Fairtrade action

Agreed to use roundel as recognition for special actions by churches, schools, towns and others, such as events, Traidcraft sales, exhibitions, inviting speakers, etc.

Towns will continue to use their own stickers for shops and businesses that use/sell Fairtrade.

Action 9: Nikki ask designer to send PDF suitable for printing and Vivienne circulate.

Next Meeting:

Wed 19th July, 1.00pm, at Springfield Campus, Corsham.