

Minutes of Sudbury Fairtrade Town Steering Group 17th January 2012

Present: Margaret Tracey; Peter Heard; Peter Gray, Ann Boardman; Malcolm Offord
John Boardman. Vi Goodhand, Janet Stenner, Sue Kistruck

Apologies: Paul Marshall, Anne- Marie Kazimirski

Last minutes were read and approved.

Reports

Website. Peter Gray said that an all inclusive town website is proposed to be set up by Peter Mackman, a local businessman. Peter Gray will get more details and report back. Anne-Marie has been researching setting up a website for the Fairtrade group also with Mackman.

Schools .Woodhall Primary is interested in becoming a Fairtrade school. John Boardman has become a Governor there. Tudor Primary School is aiming to get accreditation as a Fairtrade School this year. Paul Marshall, an ex-Headteacher, is interested in working in schools re Fairtrade.

Group Presence. We were pleased to be able to be present at the Sudbury Town Christmas tree light switch-on and the Christmas tree Festival. All part of evidence.

Review of where we are on the 5 Criteria for becoming a Fairtrade town.

Goal 1. Approval by Town Council.

Peter Gray, Town Councillor, reported that the last Town Council meeting ratified unanimously the resolution of 5.9.06 to support Fairtrade. The Council also elected Peter Gray to become the Council rep on this committee.

Goal 2. Number of outlets. For Sudbury [Population approx 13000] 4 retail and 2 catering. Evidence in the March 2011 Directory shows Sudbury has exceeded those numbers.

Goal 3. Local workplaces, schools etc.

Malcolm will check churches for accredited Fairtrade status. 3 schools- Tudor and Woodhall primaries and a little from Sudbury Upper School [a possible invitation to speak to the school council]

Goal 4 Media Coverage

We are compiling a collection of evidence.

Goal 5. Local steering group.

Yes.

John thinks we can apply for Fairtrade status this year when we have the signed Council resolution. He will follow this up.

Fairtrade Fortnight. 27 Feb – 11 March 2012.

Margaret reported that Rosemary Loye at Kelvedon is keen to come and do a Fashion Show. Suggested date Thursday 1st March 7:30 – 9:00. Malcolm to enquire about using St Peters as it is a Kettle and Fish day. Peter Gray suggested dividing the profit 50/50 between St Peters and the Group. £1 entry fee suggested. Event to be advertised on the Churches Together website. Peter Gray volunteered to design posters.

Refreshments to be served. Ann Boardman, Sue Kistruck and Janet Stenner are to coordinate this. Tea & coffee will be donated by Kettle and Fish. Fairtrade wine, biscuits and fruit juice suggested. This needs to be arranged/ discussed at next meeting.

Poster competition. John will organise a poster competition with local schools. Schools to be asked to submit their 10 best. John to ask manager of Coop supermarket if the winners' posters can be displayed in their front window.

Bank Account.

The 3 signatories will get together to sort out the application. Peter Heard, Margaret Tracey and John Boardman.

Next meeting: Wednesday 5th February. 7:30pm. 24 Waldingfield Road.

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Since the meeting!

St Peter's have given us permission to use their premises.

Rosemary Loye has agreed to come on March 1st. She would like up to 30 models, between sizes 10 – 18. She would prefer it to be called a Clothes Show. There will be a few men's things too.

They will need to be available from 6.30pm and choose what they wish to model from her range. She says draw models from as many sources as possible as they bring all their relations. Please let John know names and contact details of anyone you know who is interested in being a model.