

Minutes of Sudbury Fairtrade Town Steering Group Monday 17th November 2014

Present: Peter Heard; Anne Marie Kazimirski; Janet Stenner; Vi Goodhand; Sue Kistruck; Peter Gray;

John & Ann Boardman.

Apologies: Malcolm Offord; Margaret Tracey; Joanne Main.

1. Friars House B&B (Maureen Audsley) has been awarded a Fairtrade certificate.
2. Christmas Tree Festival:
 - Margaret will provide Traidcraft and Tearfund catalogues to leave by FT tree.
 - Peter Gray will purchase the tree from the FT group after the festival.
 - Peter Gray will lend a tree foot.
 - We can use the decorations which we made last year.
 - Anne Marie and Sue will see if they have some spare lights.
3. Fairtrade Town status renewal:
 - Anne Marie will contact Colchester FT Group about possibly teaming up with them for a FT Fortnight activity.
 - Health Foods For You has contacted Janet, listing their FT stock.
 - Anne Marie has noticed FT items in Roys.
 - John will speak to Judith Blatch about Winch & Blatch café serving more than FT coffee (eg sugar & tea)
 - It was suggested that Lord Phillips might be asked to be interviewed for an article in The Mercury and on the website, with a photograph taken at Kettle & Fish.
 - Janet will ask about FT at The Rude Strawberry restaurant.
 - Anne Marie will ask at Jojo's café in the Quay Theatre.
 - Sue has provided FT coffee for the Town Pastors.
 - Peter Heard will ask at the Baptist Church. John will try to check up on the other churches in town or ask Malcolm if he has done anything about it.
 - Peter Gray will ask Bury St. Edmunds Council if they have decided be a FT council.
 - Peter Gray will also speak to the new Town Clerk about any ideas for new initiatives.
4. Website:
 - Anne Marie would like to put on new pictures (suggestions: presentations to Friars House; Winch & Blatch; Health Foods For You).
 - Peter Gray to make sure the Town Council website has a reference to Fairtrade and has a link to our website.
 - Anne Marie suggested a letter of thanks to Mackman for starting us off.
5. Fairtrade Fortnight suggestions:
 - 24th Feb – as many of the group as possible will meet at 24 Waldingfield Rd. at 10am to go as many shops, cafes etc. to update the information for the FT directory.
 - A poster competition with a display at the library.
 - A craft activity at the Sunday morning children's sessions at the library on 22nd Feb/ 1st March.

Next meeting: Tuesday 27th January (to fill in the Action Plan for FT Town status renewal and to confirm FT Fortnight actions)

7.30pm at 24 Waldingfield Road.