

Minutes of Sudbury Fairtrade Town Steering Group Tuesday 2nd September 2015

Present: Peter Heard, Vi Goodhand, Sue Kistruck, Malcolm Offord, Janet Stenner, John and Ann Boardman.

Apologies: Joanne Main, Anne-Marie Kazimirski

1. Bury St Edmunds has been granted Fairtrade Town status. They are celebrating on Monday 7th September at the St John's Centre, St John's St. on Monday 7th September 10- 12. The official award will be presented at 11:00am. All supporters are invited.
2. Next moves:
 - Ask Town Council for a Fairtrade Rep to replace Peter Gray.
 - Try to recruit new members. Maybe ask in Thomas Gainsborough and/or Ormiston Academies. Try to think of something to ask new people to do or help with.
 - Banana Relay idea for Fairtrade Fortnight. Ask the Derbyshire Dales Fairtrade group how they organised their banana relay.
 - Make a point of asking shops/ cafes for Fairtrade goods.
 - Support the Traidcraft stall at Kettle and Fish as much as possible.
 - Everyone in the group should sign up for the Fairtrade Towns e-newsletter (fairtrade.org.uk/newsletters)
3. The National Supporters conference will take place on 17th October, at Kings College London
4. Finance. The group has £316.06 in the bank. The Big Brew in April raised £94.49, of which £50 went to Traidcraft Exchange.
5. Fairtrade Town Directory: It was suggested we could use some of the money to finance it. John will ask Peter Gray to draw up a draft copy and advise about costing.
6. Website: John is now the website administrator. He will liaise with Anne-Marie to learn how to change the website. It was suggested that we ask a teenager's help with social media.
7. Fairtrade Fortnight will be 29th Feb to 13th March 2016. Please bring ideas for events to the next meeting.
8. Christmas Tree. It was agreed that we buy a tree for the Christmas tree festival in St Peters. Trees to be decorated on 8th Dec.

Next meeting:

Monday 30th November, 7:30pm, 24 Waldingfield Road. (To agree ideas for Christmas tree decoration and ideas for Fairtrade Fortnight.)