



Sudbury

Notes from meeting of Sudbury Fairtrade Group

Tuesday March 10th 2020

Present: Nicki Dixon (chairman), Peter Heard (treasurer) Sue Kistruck, Malcolm Offord, Malcolm Snow, Janet Stenner

Apologies: Rachel Price (town centre manager)

Fairtrade Fortnight: Nicki gave an update on Fairtrade Fortnight activities in Sudbury which included a sermon at St Gregory's by Richard Stainer from Suffolk Association of Fairtrade Towns, who then gave an assembly at Wells Hall School at the start of the fortnight.

Nicki and Malcolm O had run a market stall on March 7 on Sudbury market which was busy as people enjoyed free chocolate samples and info leaflets about Fairtrade. Thanks to Sudbury Town Council for free use of their gazebo.

Nicki also did two spots on BBC Radio Suffolk about the fortnight and there had been a piece in the Suffolk Free Press about her becoming chairman.

Finance inc grants: Nicki told committee she had applied for £300 from the locality budget of Suffolk County Councillor Jack Owen and £100 from Sudbury Town Council. She is waiting to hear back.

Sudbury Town Council website: Fairtrade Sudbury now has a page on the town council's website which links to our website. Thanks go to town centre manager Rachel Price for sorting this. Nicki will send Rachel relevant news for the page.

Outreach: Nicki is talking to a ladies group in May about Fairtrade and is liaising with locals schools to sort assemblies etc. She suggested a poster competition and Malcolm S suggested running it in Fairtrade Fortnight next year. A stall has been booked at the Ballingdon Fete on September 6 2020 and Nicki is looking at pitches at Sudbury Carnival and Party in the Park. A poster relating to the Fairtrade message will be sent to all local churches. We will also talk to The Bridge Project about perhaps committing their café to Fairtrade and continue to research town centre businesses who are Fairtrade with a view to updating our info leaflets

Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday May 5 at 3pm at 98 Melford Road, Sudbury.