

Minutes of Sudbury Fairtrade Town Steering Group Wednesday 10th January 2018

Present: Peter Heard; Janet Stenner; Vi Goodhand; Ann Boardman; John Boardman

1. John is still trying to get a response from the manager of our local Sainsbury's store about arranging a meeting to talk about their new arrangements re Fairtrade.
2. John has spoken about Fairtrade at the recent Churches Together Forum.
3. We are very grateful to Malcolm Snow for offering to take on the maintenance of the Sudbury Fairtrade website.
4. Fairtrade Fortnight (26th Feb.-11th March) resources have been ordered.
5. Tudor Primary, assisted by John, will be having an event for Fairtrade Fortnight.
6. The theme for this year is **"Come on in to Fairtrade"**. It is suggested that we decorate doors with images of Fairtrade products.
 - We talked about either having a portable door or a door shape with posters on for people to add stickers. This could be set up at Kettle & Fish on March 1st alongside the Traidcraft stall. Vi will ask Andrew (manager) if that's ok.
 - John will ask contacts about finding/making a door.
 - John would like to ask the mayor, Sarah Page, if we could decorate the front door of the Town Hall for a photo opportunity.
 - Janet will decorate her own front door for Fairtrade Fortnight.
 - John & Ann will decorate their front door.
7. The Fairtrade Foundation are concentrating on **coffee** & bananas. We felt that bananas are already popularly bought in this area as Waitrose, Sainsbury's & the Co op all sell only Fairtrade. However, FT coffee is available at Greggs, Waitrose & Winch & Blatch cafes and these could be contacted about promoting their FT coffee.
8. Janet suggested a photo opportunity at the police station, where Brian is chaplain. She will ask Brian to see if the police officers who work there would be happy to be photographed receiving gifts of FT coffee & cake.
9. Janet would like to contact a coffee farmer she knows in Kenya.
10. The group will hold a Fairtrade Coffee Morning at St. John's on Saturday 10th March, displaying the decorated door. Members of the group are asked to make cakes or biscuits.

The **next meeting** will be on **Wednesday 14th February, 2.30pm** at 24 Waldingfield Road.

This will be to finalise plans for FT Fortnight and the coffee morning. Please make a note in your diary.