

## Minutes of Fairtrade Town Steering Group Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Present: Peter Heard; Janet Stenner; Sue Kistruck; Vi Goodhand; Malcolm Offord; John & Ann Boardman

Apologies; Wendy Wells; Brian Mortimer

1. Matters arising from last minutes:
  - a) John has a meeting at Tudor Primary on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to meet their new Fairtrade committee and talk about what they are hoping to do for Fairtrade Fortnight.
  - b) The resources have arrived from the Fairtrade Foundation for Fairtrade Fortnight. Some of the group took posters and leaflets for their churches.
  - c) Thanks are expressed to Richard Stanford for constructing a door on which to display Fairtrade images. This will be used at Kettle & Fish on March 1<sup>st</sup> and at St. John's on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - d) The police have said no to the suggestion of a photo opportunity at the police station due to concern for the officers' security. However, Brian, as chaplain, has suggested he could be photographed receiving FT coffee & cake for them outside the police station.
2. Patrick Kaberia, the tea grower from Kenya who visited us in 2016, has sent a photograph to wish Suffolk well in Fairtrade Fortnight. We will see if it can be put in the local newspaper.
3. We have had an invitation from Ipswich Fairtrade Town Group to their Fairtrade Fortnight Reception on Monday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm. There will be a talk by Richard Stainer on Fairtrade in Ghana. John, Ann and Janet intend to attend. There is room for one more person if anyone else would like a lift.
4. We are holding a Fairtrade Fortnight coffee morning on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-12pm. Members of the group are asked to provide cakes or biscuits with Fairtrade ingredients. Janet, Ann, Malcolm and Vi have promised.

In the FT Foundation resources, there is a game which can be played.  
There will also be a competition to see how many FT items can be spotted on the door.
5. The Suffolk Association of Fairtrade Towns (SAFT) will hold its annual conference in Felixstowe on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The guest speaker will be Michael Gidney, the chief executive of the Fairtrade Foundation.
6. Sudbury Carnival will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August. A stand has been booked for the Fairtrade Group. Helpers are needed to man it at Belle Vue Park. John, Janet & Sue have volunteered.
7. We understand that Waitrose have no plans to promote Fairtrade Fortnight. John has expressed disappointment to the floor manager and will write to head office.
8. Janet has offered to ask again Sainsbury's and Waitrose locally about their Fairtrade policies.

The **next meeting** will be on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm** at 24 Waldingfield Road.