



Notes from the meeting of Sudbury Fairtrade Group held on Tuesday January 21, 2020

Present: Nicki Dixon, Peter Heard, Malcolm Offord, Malcolm Snow, Janet Stenner.

Election of chairman: Malcolm Offord proposed Nicki Dixon as chairman and he was seconded by Janet Stenner and the vote was unanimous. Nicki said she was delighted to accept.

Fairtrade Fortnight: Nicki said she had been in touch with the Sudbury Oxfam shop who had agreed to display a Sudbury Fairtrade Group poster as part of their display.

Nicki will send details to local media highlighting Fairtrade Fortnight (and stall in St Peter's) and asking for new members as well as reiterating that we have speakers available (namely Richard Stainer) for groups, schools etc.

Fairtrade Town Status: Janet had contacted Fairtrade HQ who had said the town last renewed in 2015 but nothing needed to be done. Janet then got an email contradicting this so Nicki will email HQ to ask for clarification.

Malcom (S) and Peter clarified that the Fairtrade stall in Kettle and Fish is currently the sole responsibility of St John's Methodist Church and Nicki would make contact via Ruth Ridge to say hello.

Finances: Peter went through the current financial statement and the group has a balance of £118.19. He mentioned that £59.94 is still owed from last year to Steven Mudd for website work. IT was unanimously agreed that this should be settled as a priority.

Malcolm (S) encouraged everyone present to have a look at the website and suggest ideas for it.

Nicki explained Sudbury Town Council's small grants scheme which gives out money to local groups in April and October.

It was agreed that Nicki write to Sudbury Town Council to ask for a donation to the group for continued promotion of Sudbury as a Fairtrade Town.

Fairtrade support in town: Janet offered to do a town survey to see who was offering Fairtrade goods, using our current leaflet as a guide and amending where possible. She will pop into Waitrose and say hello to the new manager and we will consider applying to both Waitrose and Tesco to be part of their token scheme for local groups.

Nicki will double check all town entry signs to see if the Fairtrade status was displayed and would also check the Sudbury Town Council website for branding.

Nicki would also write to all churches in CTiS saying hello as chairman and asking them to reaffirm their commitment to Fairtrade or join for the first time.

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Malcolm (S) said Richard Stainer is talking at St Gregory's Church in Sudbury on February 23 about Fairtrade at the 10am service and this could be advertised through CTiS news and on social media.

He also invited Nicki to say a few words at the CTiS Forum on January 23 and Nicki accepted.

Date of Next Meeting: The date of the next Sudbury Fairtrade Group meeting will be on Tuesday March 10th at 3pm at Malcom Offord's house, 98 Melford Road, Sudbury.