

<p>and added that we should perhaps tell people which ingredients were Fairtrade, or aim to have a certain percentage/ number of FT ingredients, and that perhaps we should work with the college on this, if the meal were repeated. Dick suggested that we explore a different venue for a future meal.</p>	
<p>Overall the meal was successful, and over 60 tickets were sold. We made a profit on the drinks for the evening, although not all the drinks were sold through the bar on the evening, Dick sold the surplus to contacts/ friends.</p>	
<p>4. FT town application We believe that we have reached the required number of retail outlets (Debenhams and Thorntons). This is excellent news and we will start to put together our application to the FT foundation.</p>	
<p>To refresh ourselves we went through the goals which we need to meet, and discussed the 'leg work' involved in putting together our application.</p>	
<p>Goal 1 Council Support We need a copy of the council resolution which was passed in support of our FT town campaign (Chris agreed to look into this), and a list of other actions taken by the council in support of the FT town goal.</p>	<p>Chris</p>
<p>Goal 2 Catering and Retail outlets As well as providing a list of the shops and cafés/ restaurants, we also need to provide specific information such as how many days they are open, web address (if they have one) and a list of products. Jim suggested that we use a universal template for this process and Dick will design this.</p>	<p>Dick</p>
<p>Shops on our list were then divided between those at present, each individual responsible for gathering information on the shops allocated to them.</p>	
<p><u>Jackie Morgan</u> Costa Coffee, Forge Mill, Palace Theatre, Feckenham community shop, the Stables Farm shop (Astwood Bank), Tescos. <u>Tony Pitt</u> Tesco express, Morrisons and Sainsburys (cafes in the supermarkets as well), Emmanuel church coffee bar. <u>Dick</u> M&S, Greggs, Holland and Barrett, BB's, Debenhams, Thorntons, Three Cooks, Esquires <u>Jim</u> Budgens, Co-op (Headless Cross and Crabbs Cross), New College <u>Chris</u> Lidl and Redditch Library.</p>	<p>Jackie Tony Jim Chris Dick</p>
<p>Goal 3 Organisations/ Groups Requirements in this area are a little more vague. 30% of schools in the town should be supporting Fairtrade. Faith groups are to be listed- 11 of these required. There are 23 churches in the borough. Business and Community organisations are to be listed- i.e BARN in the Ecumenical centre.</p>	<p>Chris Dick</p>
<p>It was agreed that this could be the most difficult area to collect information on, and it was suggested that we have a mini appeal through the local paper for businesses to come forward and let the group know if they use FT goods in the workplace. In terms of community organisations Redditch veggies and vegans, FoE and ROWL use FT refreshments at meetings.</p>	<p>Dick Chris</p>
<p>Goal 4 Media/ Press coverage We have had some good coverage in the local press over the years, and Chris will sort out all our cuttings from the local paper, and make copies to send. We must also send details of our website.</p>	<p>Chris</p>

Goal 5 Town steering group (that's us!)

We need to give details of how often we meet and which organisations are represented. Chris will forward details of our application process to Boon Yeng, Alistair. Dick will see Andrew Powell from the Standard re. our mini appeal.

We are aiming to submit the application by the end of July.

5. News from other groups**Redditch Green Fair (Sat 13th June)**

Kevin informed us that 12 stalls are booked so far for the fair which takes place around St. Stephens church. It was suggested that as part of stand for RTJN we have a display about our FT town application. Chris suggested that we have FT recipe ideas- following on from the earlier discussion about our FT meal, and maybe even some samples for people to try. Another idea was a petition for people to sign in support of the FT town goal, which could be submitted with the application.

Climate March in Coventry.

This took place earlier in the month and Kevin who attended said that there was a good turnout, and that the March made a circuit of the city.

The Green Party in Redditch and Alistair and Kevin stood in the recent local elections, Kevin for the central ward and Alistair for Headless cross.

ROWL Autumn Seminar

ROWL have arranged to have the employee who travelled to visit FT producers overseas to come and speak at the Seminar, and Mike Foster MP from Worcester. Sandycroft will provide an asian style lunch. RTJN will provide schools posters to display. Mary Thomas will have a Traidcraft stall. Jackie is still looking for others to speak at the event, and RTJN have agreed to support where possible. Jackie will get back to us with a clearer idea of what she would like us to do.

Mt. Carmel Parish Audit

This is still ongoing, CAFOD launched their Climate Justice Campaign in March. Christian Aid week is coming up.

We need to start planning FT fortnight 2009.

Technical Change

We can now update the website ourselves, which is useful since the person who set it up for us, is not a member of the group. We also need to pay a fee of approximately £60 for the provider of the website address. We have the funds to pay this, but may need to look for further funds later in the year. (we have been using our £500 Grant from the Co-operative Dividend Fund obtained a number of years ago.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 17th June (at the Town Hall 7.30pm unless you hear otherwise)

All

Jackie