

**Meeting of Redditch Trade Justice Network**  
**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at Emmanuel church, Ecumenical centre.**

**Present**

Chris Stroud, Tony Pitt, Dick Johnson, Alistair Waugh, Ron Thompson.

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. Apologies</b> Jim Quinn and Kevin White.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of previous meeting</b> The minutes of the meeting on 22.04.09 were accepted as being an accurate record of the meeting. Apologies were given from Chris and Dick for lack of progress on matters discussed at the last meeting.</p>	
<p><b>3. Redditch Green Fair</b> Unfortunately we did not manage to have a stall at the St. Stephens Green Fair this year. There were not enough people to run the stall on the day, thanks to those who did volunteer. It was agreed that we need to plan for these kind of events in the future, especially as we have had an involvement in the past. Unfortunately this meant that there was no FT/ Trade Justice movement organisation represented at the fair.</p>	
<p><b>4. FT town</b> The goals we have to achieve for FT town status were covered in turn.</p> <p>◆ <b>Council Resolution</b> Chris will find a copy of this as soon as possible. It was questioned which councillors have been assigned to work with RTJN. Some time ago Ivor Westmore from the council said that Brandon Clayton had been given this role. In the past Debbie and Carl Taylor have taken an interest in our work, although they have not been able to get to meetings. We need to establish whether a particular councillor has been assigned this job.</p>	Chris
<p>◆ <b>Shops Survey</b> There has been little progress on this side of things. Tony has visited Morrisons and Sainsburys (shops and cafes) and has recorded how many FT goods they sell etc. Unfortunately Tesco Express in Lodge Park does not meet the criteria. We can add the Spa convenience store/ newsagent in Batchley.</p>	Chris and Dick
<p>Dick and Chris will finalise the template to use and will get this sent out to everyone as soon as possible.</p> <p>◆ <b>Organisations/ Groups</b> We are still investigating the best way to tackle the task of collecting this information. It is easy to find out about churches which support FT, but schools and other workplaces are more tricky- we need 11 schools for our target, which seems a lot.</p>	
<p>Chris will finish putting together a portfolio of all our local media/ press coverage over the years.</p>	Chris
<p><b>5. News from other groups</b> <b><u>ROWL Autumn seminar</u> Redditch Town Hall Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b></p>	

<p>Jackie updated us on plans for the Autumn seminar which are now well underway. A number of guest speakers have been booked; Mike Foster MP for Worcester is now booked, and Margaret Parkinson- the employee from Sainsburys who travelled abroad to visit a FT producer. Linda Barr- the local Traidcraft speaker will be attending and David Potts from Bradford University, making 5 in total. Sainsburys have been asked to sponsor the event (refreshments).</p>	
<p>Jackie asked if Dick would show the short FT videos which were shown at the meal. Dick agreed to do this. The cost for the day will be £10 per head for the event. Mary Thomas will run a Traidcraft stall, and we plan to display the posters from our schools competition.</p>	Dick
<p><b><u>Film showings</u></b>  On Oct 16<sup>th</sup> Alistair is organising a showing of the new film ‘The Age of stupid’, at the Palace theatre. There will be a small charge and tickets will be available from the theatre. It is claimed that the film had the lowest carbon footprint premier ever.</p>	Alistair
<p>Alistair also told us about a new film called ‘What would Jesus buy’ produced by Morgan Spurlock. It is a comedy with a serious message, ‘consume less’. In his role as Town Centre chaplain Dick will speak to the manager of the Apollo cinema, about the possibility of showing these sort of films at the cinema.</p>	Dick
<p>Friends of the Earth currently have a country wide climate change campaign, and we will have a link to the FOE website from our own website.</p>	
<p><b>6. A.O.B</b>  <b><u>Fundraising</u></b>  We have nearly exhausted our £500 grant from the Co-operative, and need to look at raising funds for future events/ activities. Various ideas for raising funds were discussed including a sponsored event, another grant, and a car boot sale stall. Chris will look into possible car boot sales, on a Saturday if possible, and also Redditch Market.</p>	All
<p><b>7. Website</b>  We need to update the website with news of our FT town progress, links to Friends of the Earth etc, and new news stories. Chris and Dick will aim to do this. We have paid out £60 for registering the website for two years, which had diminished our funds further.</p>	Dick/ Chris
<p><b>8. Date of next meeting</b>  The next meeting will be on Mon 28<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm at Redditch Town Hall, unless you hear otherwise.</p>	