

HAILSHAM & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING ON 28/1/09

- 1 Apologies – Sharon Cottingham
- 2 Present – Paul S, Keith T, John W, John P, Liz J, Ian H, Gary S, Paula R, Pauline T
- 3 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – Twinning friendly Café and Pub (Countryman and Grenadier) – no follow up on this yet but John W and Paul S will visit each to check out their willingness for this.
Discussed designing a car sticker for advertising these venues as twinning friendly.
John W and Paul S will check out prices with Wally at Leap Cross.
Also discussed possibility of having business on web site who are also twinning friendly.
- 4 St Claire Visit (July 18th-20th 1009) – It has been confirmed that Andy Joyce has 21 Young people interested in visiting. He has secured deposits from them all and is currently raising funds for this trip. The young people will not require host families as it is hoped that they will be staying in scout huts and provide their own meals (although will probably be invited to the main meal with everyone else). Andy needs to visit prior to the July visit to carry out a risk assessment.

Pauline informed group that John Harmer from the Morris Men has between 15-20 people interested in making the trip. He has asked that we inform him with regard to how many people he can take as soon as possible. Some of them will be arranging to stay with families they are already in contact with.

Liz Jones said that she and some others will not require host families as they will most probably be staying at the Swan Hotel.

Most of the Committee members will be attending, some going by coach and others making their own way.

Theme for trip – Red/White and Blue – Union Jack flags, Union Jack Hats – Liz will check out web sites for the hats and flags etc. John P said that sports shop; in Hailsham currently has football shirts in these colours for £2.00.

John W agreed that he would contact Renee to check with him how many host families he is likely to have available. We have to make sure that this is well organised and that enough families are actually available to host us all.
- 5 Website Update – Good feedback at Open Evening.
Various local clubs and societies are on the site need to check if authorisation was given by these to be on web site. Also ask for payment for advertising £20.00. Need to add a disclaimer re these. John P and to check this out with Terry.
News section now on the site, places to visit, twinning friendly café and pub, press Release etc.
Need to have committee members photos on the site too.
French lessons available – It was agreed that a charge for any advertising must be made

- 6 Proposed Exchange Visits – Ian is to check his records as he feels he has already sent an E mail to Renee with details of visits – Charter Market 12/7 Festival of Transport, Art Festival 5-13th September, Bonfire Night (13th Oct?).

Steph had e mailed Ian and Liz re 2009 projects in France.

- 7 Membership Update – Jon P confirmed that there are currently 13 members and the Committee . John P to let Pauline have an up to date membership list of members paid up. We need to encourage clubs and associations to sign up as members too.

- 8 Proposed Fundraising – this was discussed by members present. Identified need for at least 4 fundraising events per year – 2 x tombolas at the Quinten shopping centre. June 7th Country Fayre at Broad Farm. John W will check out availability of Quintens for tombola.

Need for social events too, especially to include the new members.

John W and Paul will check out the Grenadier Pub – who have a room available.

Possibly to have a cheese and wine evening on Friday 13th March with a quiz (John P to arrange quiz).

Paula agreed that she may be able to provide food but need to check whether Grenadier are ok with this or what they would charge to provide food.

Future catering – Paula happy to do this but must has definite help in future.

Keith T agreed that he would be “Fundraiser” in the future and co-ordinate fundraising events.

Possible newsletter for new members – this needs to be organised in near future.

- 9 Any Other Business –

Renee had been in touch re possible availability of Committee members attending a forthcoming meeting in France in February, Paul, John W, Gary and John P will try to attend this meeting and will arrange transport and stay overnight. £100 will be made available from funds towards the trip.

John P had received an e mail from Renee re a family from France requesting contacts with English families for future visits. This e mail will be forwarded by John to Kim Wickens at HCC and Andy Joyce.

Keith provided group with information regarding market stall starter packs. These cost around £200. It was decided that one would be ordered for future use.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 25TH February 2009 at 7.30 pm