

## **FAIRTRADE**

**I asked Steph what the Town Council needs to do to support the Fairtrade renewal application**

**Reply from Steph:**

**This is the wording of the last resolution passed by the Council as an agenda item:-**

'Framlingham Town Council aims to be recognised as a Council that actively supports and promotes the concept of Fairtrade. Therefore on (date of meeting at which the resolution was passed) ..... the Town Council resolved to promote awareness of Fairtrade issues; use Fairtrade products when practicable; and support initiatives to maintain Framlingham's status as a Fairtrade Town.'

So fairly simple and not too prescriptive as it allows the Council's support to be in whatever way works as circumstances change over time.

We should probably renew this resolution every few years after local elections; it would good to do it in the next few months before our renewal application which I will circulate amongst the steering group members and submit to the Fairtrade Foundation by the end of October.

Generally speaking, currently the TC appoints at least one Councillor to be the FT rep to liaise with the steering group, which is you, many thanks for taking this on. We don't really have formal meetings as we are always seeing each other in town etc and make it up as we go along.

Are welcome packs still distributed to new residents? We have a Suffolk FT Association leaflet which could be included?

The TC provides free photocopying and I see the monthly e-mailing news promotes Fairtrade.

It would be nice if FT coffee/tea is in the Council office and provided at TC events, meetings etc.

As well as Facebook and Instagram we do have a website which I need to rejuvenate, so a link to these from the Fram.com website directory entry would be handy.

**Note:** It's already on the Fram website in our Clubs and Groups Directory, linking to their Facebook page