

## Helston and Sasso Marconi Twinning Associations

joint meeting

Held on 7 October 2018

In Sasso Marconi

**Present:** Maria Cristina Zani, Luciana Corti, Maura Vigorelli, Patricia Carter, Phil and Giuliana Hanman and Martin and Ruth Bywaters.

The objective of the meeting was to define the future and discuss various options for twinning exchanges.

Like minded groups could be invited to exchange visits, agreeing to follow the conduct code set out by the twinning associations (this to be set up in advance). All organising to be carried out in conjunction with the twinning associations and not to be considered independent.

It was suggested that the ONDA Marconi youth band could exchange with the Helston School Jazz Orchestra. Martin offered to talk to Jonny Austin, who is involved with the HSJO.

The Rotarians have money set aside for young adults in Helston to travel abroad, but it is unfortunate that in the last year HDTTA has not been able to find willing students. This might be a way to fund a part of such an exchange.

Interact and Rotaract were also suggested as sources for finding willing students. Ruth was concerned not to repeat the previous characteristics of youth exchanges and rather than provide surfing lessons and day on the beach, that more meaningful activities were arranged, in keeping with the like minded interests.

It would be a case of the two groups to host each other, under the guidance of the twinning, with twinning being involved in the program of events.

General adult exchanges were also discussed and it was pointed out that our latest visit to Sasso Marconi was a little difficult to plan, due to the number of people and the variety of travel arrangements. The party from Sassenage also left details to the last minute, resulting in further planning problems.

It was agreed to simplify all exchanges in the future.

1. To cap the number of visitors to approx.. 10 per visit, subject to available hosting.
2. To agree dates well in advance and for everyone to travel together (where possible)
3. Anyone wishing to take part in an exchange will need to pledge their intentions by the end of January each year. First come first served.
4. Set dates would be preferable each year to ensure diaries could be planned accordingly, however this may be impractical on occasions.

For the ensuing year it was agreed that a group from Sasso Marconi would visit Helston for Flora Day (to include 8 May 19) and a group from Helston would visit Sasso Marconi for the first weekend of the Tartuesta at the end of October (to include 26-27 October 19).

Hopefully these ideas will help everyone to plan in advance and help the organising of the visits.