

HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

Present : Susan Atkinson, Chris and Richard Eddowes, Sheila Deacon, Bill White, Michael Unwin, Lynn Fletcher and Elma Welsh.

Apologies: Irene and Martin Green and Keith Gorton.

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2013 were accepted as a true record. Thanks to Michael for producing these.

Matters Arising

- The group are now back in the Hartlepool Mail's 'What's On' column
- Asda had replied to Chris' letter but sent it to Susan's address. They are keeping under review the signing of the accord. Iain Wright has expressed an interest in this and we will write to him with their answer, asking him to put pressure on the government.

Tony Campolo

The event organised by NeCAP at Stockton Baptist Tabernacle is on September 2nd at 7.30 pm. The following members will be attending: - RE, CE, LF, SA, MU, SD.

Jenny Medhurst may be putting on a Fairtrade stall.

Fairtrade

The Christmas Fairtrade stall will be on Saturday 23rd November 10.00 – 2.00 in St George's.

One World Week

It was decided that this year we would not put on a service for One World Week, as the attendance was quite low last year and it falls when members are unavailable to prepare it. We will discuss this with the Enabling Group for Churches Together and if they are really keen we may do something perhaps in the spring. The event put on by Christian Aid with entertainment was very successful. Perhaps something along those lines with an Interfaith angle might be possible.

Response from Fairtrade Foundation to Observer article

This was concerning poverty wages for tea pickers even on plantations where Fairtrade tea was sourced. The response was long and involved; this is the link for those interested.

http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/press_office/press_releases_and_statements/july_2013/response_to_the_observer_article_on_tea_wages_in_india.aspx

Correspondence

Chris had received an e-mail from Fiona Hall MEP concerning the positive advantages of using the EU for development.

The Food not Fuel campaign run by Action Aid targets MEPs.

<https://forms.actionaid.org.uk/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=539&ea.campaign.id=21644> to sign up for it.

A copy of the e-mail is attached.

S.A. 20.08.13.

Finances

As far as we know we still have £332.96 in the bank.

Any Other Business

The Elwick Fairtrade stall has been cancelled.

Date of Next meeting 9th September – apologies from Lynn, Irene and Martin for this. Chris and Richard may also be away.