

HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

Minutes: October, 14th 2013

Present : Sheila Deacon, Chris Eddowes, Richard Eddowes, Keith Gorton, Martin Green, Jennifer Kerridge, Carl Richardson, Diana Wanduragala, Michael Unwin and Bill White

Apologies: Susan Atkinson, Lynn Fletcher, Irene Green and Elma Welsh.

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2013 were accepted as a true record,

Matters arising

Labour behind the Label There are still companies that have not signed the Accord. Asda's response is not known yet.

One World Week

It was agreed that a team from the group would lead a service on 19th January – the beginning of Christian Unity week - but that we needed an invitation from a church.

Finance The current balance .is actually £333.96, not £332.96 as stated in previous minutes.

Fairtrade

Martin reported on the supporters' conference he had attended in London. The dates for Fairtrade Fortnight 2014 are 24th February to 9th March and the theme **BANANAS..**

Hartlepool Council were not supporting Fairtrade as they should. They were a Fairtrade Town but could lose that title if they did not continue to actively promote fairtrade. Their café "Inspirations" in the Council garden centre in Tanton Road only provided fairtrade drinks on request. A Council link person was required on the Steering Group. Carl agreed to look into these issues.

The Fairtrade Christmas Fair was fixed for Saturday, 23rd November but if held at St George's as planned it would have to end at 12 noon because of a following wedding at 1 pm. Moving it to St Joseph's was deemed too expensive.. Diana offered to check on the availability of St Matthew's hall.

Shopping event at the Merryground Pub on Monday, 4th November – a fairtrade stall has been booked .

Fairtrade Festivals were being held in both Eaglescliffe and in Sunderland on Saturday, 26th October.

Web-site Members were impressed by the blog Lynn had set up but questioned how they could add to it.

Any Other Business The Steering Group meets next on 20th November in Carl Richardson's office at the Civic Centre.

Date of Next meeting: 11th November at 8.00 pm.