

HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE
Minutes: March 10th 2014

Present :- Keith Gorton, Michael Unwin, Susan Atkinson, Sheila Deacon, Martin Green, Diana Wanduragala, Jennifer Kerridge and Bill White.

Apologies:- Chris Eddowes, Richard Eddowes, Irene Green, Elma Welsh and Lynn Fletcher.

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2013 were accepted as a true record. Thanks to Keith for these.

Matters arising

KG had collected and delivered the tables for the stall in shopping centre and arranged for the metal label to be attached to the trophy. Members were also requested to familiarise themselves with the Lobbying Bill.

Fairtrade

Martin reported on Fairtrade Fortnight. The stall in the shopping centre went reasonably well thanks to those who helped. There was about £100.00 profit on the tombola after the cost of the prizes was deducted. (Some prizes were donated notably from M & S.) Also £130.00 of sales. People seem to come to the stall for the tombola and some might then buy something. Some also signed the cards for fairer bananas.

The banana event at Clavering School was in the Mail with photograph. There were 10 entries for the cake competition which was won by Geraldine Chapman. The presentation of the trophy took place in the Mayor's Parlour but has not yet been in the Mail.

The school assemblies at Wellfield School went well.

The Fairtrade Flag was flown over the Civic Centre.

Correspondence

None received.

Campaigns

There were no new ones noted, but to continue with the fairer bananas cards. Labour behind the Label send regular e-mails to some members – the last one was about low wages in Cambodia. The plight of the Syrians seems to have been taken over in the news by events in the Ukraine.

All members were requested to identify a theme to focus on for a campaign.

Finance

Balance now £336.76 with £12.50 in cash from the Christmas Fair.

Any Other Business

Date of next Christmas Fair is booked as November 29th.

Date of next meeting

Monday 14th April 8.00 pm at St. George's as usual.