

HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE
Minutes: July 14th 2014

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

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2014 were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising. It was agreed to scan and send round the campaign from Amnesty Sudanese woman, Meriam, should now be safe as in American Embassy. Observer article about Fairtrade. Martin read out part of the Traidcraft response which stated that the evidence used to criticise the effects of fair trade was limited to two countries and referred to casual workers. The conclusions drawn from the evidence were overstated and had been further sensationalised by other media.

WDM report. Most had not read the report in detail as very dense. Three campaigns:- Agribusiness, Climate & Energy & Trade (TTIP). It was agreed to each send the WDM card on dirty coal. Sheila remarked that there was to be a campaign from September to the election on climate change with many partners and resources.

Fairtrade

Martin explained that there was to be a new Fairtrade mark called the programme mark which would indicate that only some of the ingredients were Fairtrade, e.g. just the sugar or just the cocoa. This was felt to be confusing.

The Fairtrade Town Steering group have applied to renew the Fairtrade Town status. Sunday 7th September Stall at Elwick fete 2-5 pm. Anyone to assist?

Saturday 20th September Regional Conference at Stadium of Light – all day. This replaces the national London Conference. Should be a range of speakers.

A new leaflet for Fairtrade in the town is planned, possibly to be printed by Catcote Academy.

Campaigns

Keith will bring material on the Clothing campaign for the next meeting.

Both Cafod and Christian Aid are campaigning on the theme of loving the earth connected to climate change. Cafod's campaign at

<http://www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Take-action-today/climate-action>

Christian Aid's at <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/ActNow/campaigns/index.aspx>

It was agreed to write as a group to MP following CA's guidelines and await response.

Correspondence None received.

Date of next meeting 11th August 8.00 pm This should be the AGM.
Also Coffee Morning booked for 29th November.