



Minutes of Meeting 11th April 2016

Present: Chris Eddowes (chair), Richard Eddowes, Lynn Fletcher (minutes), Martin Green, Jennifer Kerridge, Diana Wanduragala, Bill White

Apologies: Keith Gorton, Irene Green, Sheila Deacon

1. Minutes of meeting 11th April 2016 – Chris reviewed these for the benefit of those who had not received them. Lynn reminded the meeting that they could be found on www.hartlepoolpeaceandjustice.org. They were accepted as a correct record.
2. Matters arising:
 - a) The meeting with Iain Wright – **Chris will arrange this for later in the year.**
 - b) Chris reported that her meeting in London was held by Commitment for Life and that the speaker from Global Justice Now did not really address Public Private Partnerships.
 - c) Invitation to Stephen Thomas, councillor – Chris reported that he was willing to come to our next meeting to talk about TTIP but as Chris, Richard and Lynn would be giving apologies, it was agreed that **Chris invite him to the meeting on 13th June.**
3. Finances – Martin took note that the donation cheque should be made out to Interplast UK and passed to Lynn. Lynn reported that BBC news had broadcast an item on the recent Interplast UK mission to India and it could be accessed on <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-35898486>
4. Fairtrade – Martin reported that there was no update at the moment as both regional and town meetings have been postponed. Jennifer expressed concern that the “Pants to Poverty” project appears to have folded. More information is available on <http://www.theguardian.com/money/2016/mar/29/pants-to-poverty-drops-its-ethical-stance>
5. NE-CAP – Lynn had been unable to attend the recent meeting so could not bring an update.
6. Current issues – Chris shared an email sent by Keith, drawing attention to the following. **Chris will forward the email to members.**

- a) information from Global Justice Now on the Panama Papers
- b) a Guardian article on US presidential candidates' attitudes to trade agreements
- c) an article on West African cotton trade
- d) a Tax Justice update requesting supporters of company transparency in tax affairs to contact their MP prior to the second reading of a relevant bill.

7. Date of next meeting – **9th May 2016**. Apologies received in advance from Chris, Richard and Lynn.