



Minutes of Meeting 12th September 2016

Present: Lynn Fletcher (minutes), Keith Gorton (chair), Irene Green, Martin Green, Jennifer Kerridge, Diana Wanduragala, Bill White

Apologies: Chris Eddowes, Richard Eddowes.

1. Minutes of meeting 8th August 2016 –accepted as a correct record.
2. Matters arising:
 - a) Letter to the Chief Executive of the Council re Tax Dodging – Keith will do this.
 - b) Traidcraft card re Trade Justice – if Chris has not got copies **Keith** will get some.
 - c) One World Week October 23rd – 30th – **Keith** will check if Chris has any information re a Churches Together event.
3. Fairtrade:
 - a) Martin reported that planning was ongoing for the schools event in June 2017 and that a volunteer for the Steering Group has been appointed from the Hartlepool Youth Council (made up of representatives from the town's secondary schools).
 - b) There was discussion of the current list of shops and businesses that need to be visited re their use/sale of Fairtrade goods – **all members** please check the list for ones they have been allocated to visit and do so as soon as possible and report your findings to Martin.
 - c) Diana reported that all small Co-operative supermarkets are to close, which means a loss of outlets for Fairtrade goods.
4. 'Speak Up' Campaign – see www.christianaid.org.uk/climateweek
The week takes place 8 – 16 October, which is too close for this group to arrange an event, although we will promote this individually where we can. Martin received an email from Susan Atkinson about an invitation to Ian Wright to visit a solar farm in the Aycliffe area sometime between 14 and 16 October. Jeremy Cain is involved in organising this event. Susan would like the support of members of this group. Martin and Keith will follow up this communication and circulate more details when they are available.

5. CITA – for next agenda – **all** read up, **Keith** will contact MEPs if more information needed.
6. Finance – Irene reported a balance in hand of £303.31
7. News from NE-CAP – Lynn reported that most NE-CAP activity had been around the ‘Eve of Great North Run’ events and ‘Save Druridge’ campaign. Although Northumberland Council agreed to the proposed coal mining, the decision has been ‘called in’ by the government. The NE-CAP website has been improved: <http://ne-calltoaction.org.uk/>
8. AOB – none
9. Date of next meeting – October 10th – apologies from Keith.