

HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

Minutes of meeting held on 11th June 2018

Present: Chris Eddowes (Chair), Richard Eddowes, Martin Green, Diana Wanduragala, Bill White, Jennifer Kerridge, Lynn Fletcher, Michael Unwin, Keith Gorton

Apologies: Irene Green, Katie Trueman

Minutes Minutes of the meeting on the 9th April were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters arising.

- Mosque reception dinner – was informative. Several charities made presentations. CE gave a presentation on behalf of HGPJ.
- **Sainsbury's Letters.** KG agreed to forward to members the Sainsbury's CEO video. KG had written to FT Foundation but had not received a response. The responses from Sainsbury's made clear that the 10 Fair Trade principles adhered to by Sainsbury's were set by the World Fair Trade Organisation & is not the same body that licenses the use of the Fairtrade mark. In view of this clarification, KG decided not to write to Traidcraft on this matter.
- **NE-CAP Energy Forum** on 12 April was attended by KG & **the NE-CAP AGM** on 16 April by several members. CE presented a review of HGPJ activities. LF explained that NE-CAP were going to oppose the appeal made by the open cast mining contractor & needs funds to employ a barrister. (see <https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/endtocoal/>). MG expressed reservations about opposing the open cast mining because he felt that the focus should be on the reduction of burning coal, not on the production of coal which if not from Druridge Bay would be supplied from elsewhere. LF informed members that the Arch Bishop of York would be attending the Eve of Great North Run on 8 September.
- **JDC Birmingham Event** 29th September. Transport arrangements not yet decided. LF said David Golding had not yet decided if a coach would be arranged.
- **Plastic Packaging.** Action continues: to invite HBC Recycling Officer to an open meeting possibly in September

Speak Up Week (The Climate Coalition)

Takes place from 30 June to 8 July. It was agreed that HGPJ should meet with Mike Hill MP. KG agreed to arrange a meeting, possibly at one of his regular surgeries.

Global Justice Now

CE said she was intending to go to AGM & workshops in York on 16 June.

Celebrating the Vote

Members were reminded about an event promoted by HM Parliament called "Equaliteas". The aim is that people from all over the country celebrate 90 years since the Representation of the People Act 1928, which gave all men and women over 21 the equal right to vote. There is an event in Hartlepool at Wharton Terrace on 18th June. More information can be found at <https://equaliteas.org.uk/>.

Fairtrade

MG reported that FTT Steering Group will meet on 21 June. Councillor Stephen Thomas had been nominated to be the HBC representative (in lieu of Katie Trueman).

General Data Protection Regulations

To comply, all HGPJ members should be sent an email requesting that they indicate their agreement to be sent emails from HGPJ. KG agreed to do this.

AOB

It was noted that HGPJ should have been held its AGM in March. It was decided that the AGM would be held in September prior to the regular meeting.

Next Meeting Monday 9 July at 7,30 pm, St Georges.

Actions

1. KG to forward to members the Sainsbury's CEO video.
2. KG to arrange Speak Up Week meeting with Mike Hill MP
 - KG to invite HBC Recycling Officer to an open meeting possibly in September
3. KG to ask all members for their agreement to remain on the email distribution list. (General Data Protection Regulations)