

HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

Minutes of meeting held on 9th July 2018

Present: Chris Eddowes (Chair), Richard Eddowes, Diana Wanduragala, Fiona Wilkins, Bill White, Jennifer Kerridge, Lynn Fletcher, Katie Trueman, Keith Gorton

Apologies: Martin Green, Irene Green, Michael Unwin,

Minutes Minutes of the meeting on the 11th June were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters arising.

- **Recycling Meeting** will be open to the public. KG reported that Helen Beaman required specific dates. Members agreed the following dates (in order of preference) 17, 10, 24 September. If none of these were suitable for Helen Beaman then any weekday evening in September would be acceptable. Meeting will be at St Georges, starting at 7 pm. The meeting will cover the following topics:
 - Clarification of what happens to our rubbish
 - Clarification of what can/can't be recycled.
 - Community initiatives.FW described the "Plastic Free Hartlepool" project. The project has a 3-step programme:
 1. What we can do as individuals
 2. Establish working relationship with Local authority
 3. Involve schools & businessesFW suggested that it may be possible to do a beach clean before the meeting (scouts?) & to have the refuse on display at the meeting.
 - **Speak up Week 30 June – 8 July (Climate Change Coalition).** KG reported that it had not been possible to see Mike Hill MP at one of his surgeries (booked up) but KG had spoken to MH and he was very willing to meet HGPJ at the Cornerstone Café at a mutually convenient time. Parliamentary Recess is from 24 July to 4 September. KG agreed to invite MH to sign the Joint Cross-Party Letter drafted by the Climate Change Coalition.
 - **Global Justice Now Conference.** CE attended conference in York on 16th June. The conference focussed on
 - Principles of the world we want
 - Reimagining aid.
 - What should World Trade Rules look likeKey take home messages were that currently, developing countries pay back much more than they receive in aid. For every €1 in aid the "south" loses €24 and that trade deals need to be democratic.
 - **General Data Protection Regulations** KG reported that he had emailed HGPJ members twice requesting that they confirm they wished to continue to receive emails. All members had responded positively except for no replies from E Tyler, I Hodgeman, K McGrother, S Tempest. S Atkinson gave an "out of office" reply. KG will amend the email contacts list accordingly.
- NE-CAP Energy Update** LF reported
- The "Save Druridge" campaign had raised £10,065 to help fight the appeal by the contractor.
 - Additions to the Speak up Week of Action Cross - Party Letter had been emailed to various parties.

- Eve of Run gathering 8th September. From 4.30 to 5.30 keynote Speaker Archbishop Sentamu. Also, Sarah-Jayne Clifton, Director of JDC. From 6.00 to 6.30 Revd Bryan Vernon will conduct “Service of Blessing”.
- JDC’s National Mobilisation, Birmingham 29th September keynote speaker will be Ann Pettifor, formerly Director of Jubilee 2000. There are no plans to organise coach transport. Those attending are advised to book train travel which will enable them to arrive by lunchtime. r

Fairtrade FTT Steering Group met on 21 June.

World Clean up Day 16th September KT reported that an event was being planned that would feature, at Seaton Carew, a “Tree of Conscience” on which the debris from a beach clean would be hung. If you can help, please contact KT.

Environment KT said that she could invite a speaker to an HGPJ meeting to talk about the impact of animal husbandry on the environment. KG alerted members to the recently published scientific investigation (reported in the Guardian) about the impact of beef production on climate change. FW suggested that members might wish to view the You Tube video “Before the Flood”. KT also suggested the You Tube video “Conspiracy” might be of interest to members. It was agreed to arrange this matter for a future meeting.

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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 13 August at 7,30 pm, St Georges.

Actions from this meeting

- KG to notify Helen Beaman of preferred dates for “Rubbish Meeting”
- KG to invite MH to sign the Joint Cross-Party Letter drafted by the Climate Change Coalition.
- KG to amend the email contacts list (GDPR)