

HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

Minutes of meeting held on 10th September 2018

Present: Chris Eddowes(chair), Irene Green, Martin Green, Michael Unwin, Keith Gorton, Diane Wanduragala, Jennifer Kerridge

Apologies: Richard Eddowes, Lynn Fletcher, Bill White

Minutes Minutes of the meeting on the 13th August were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters arising.

- **Recycling Meeting** KG reported that he had supplied preferred dates to Helen Beaman on 10 July but had not received a reply. Repeated emails & telephone calls had been unsuccessful. It was agreed that it was impracticable to arrange the meeting for September. KG agreed to find out who had given a recycling presentation to the Park Residents' Association earlier this year.
- **Meeting with Mike Hill MP (Speak up Week 30 June – 8 July (Climate Change Coalition).** CE, DW, MU, MG attended the meeting on 21st August. The following topics were raised with MH.
 - Climate Change
 - Trade Agreements adversely affecting democracy in the UK & adversely affecting the economies of poor countries.
 - Brexit & the worrying drift towards nationalism & away from internationalism.MH was sympathetic to the views of HGPJ and was happy to meet again. MG brought to the attention of members that an email alert of Mike Hill's speeches in Parliament can be arranged by using one of the following links
<https://subscriptions.parliament.uk/accounts/UKPARLIAMENT/subscriber/new>
https://www.theyworkforyou.com/mp/25619/mike_hill/hartlepool
- **Jubilee Debt Campaign Birmingham Celebration.** CE reminded members of the event on Saturday 29th September & the need to register if you wish to attend. JDC are asking for a small voluntary donation by attenders to cover some of the costs.

NE-CAP

The 9th Eve of Run Gathering was attended by MG, MU & KG. Archbishop Sentamu gave an impressive keynote speech (Misery & Poverty) covering the following areas

- Brexit – we must not let the poor get poorer or allow inequality to increase
- Climate Change – we have a moral duty to help poorer countries
- Farming & food production – we must ensure food security
- Income Equality – Are payments to high earners rational?
- Tax Justice
- Debts – London is one of the world's leading financial centres. It should take the lead & make loans transparent.

Sarah-Jayne Clifton, Director of JDC was unable to attend but her deputy gave an informative presentation, the theme of which was that lenders should be held to account for debts both in the UK & in developing countries.

Fairtrade

MG plans to attend the FT Regional Conference on 22nd September in Leeds University. The Hartlepool FTT Steering Group will meet on 12 September.

Correspondence

Great Britain Week 15–19 October. CE had received information from LF about GGBW, the purpose of which is to highlight the scale of the opportunities to reduce emissions, grow a low-carbon economy and improve quality of life as part of the Industrial Strategy (see below). Several members of the NE-CAP committee have offered to man a stall in Newcastle city centre on October 15th and ask members of the public to respond to the questionnaire that will be provided by the organisers. The possibility of HGPJ supporting a stall closer to Hartlepool was considered. MG asked if Teesside University is involved in this project. KG agreed to make enquiries.

AOB None

Next Meeting Monday 8 October at 7,30 pm, St Georges.

Actions from this meeting

- KG to find out who had given a recycling presentation to the Park Residents' Association earlier this year.
- KG to enquire if Teesside University is involved with GGBW.

Green Great Britain Week 15-19 October: Possible NE-CAP Involvement

Green Great Britain Week (GGBW) is a week of high profile policy announcements, events and media activity across the UK co-ordinated and led by Dept for BEIS. The purpose is to highlight the scale of the opportunities to reduce emissions, grow a low-carbon economy and improve quality of life as part of the Industrial Strategy.

While the primarily target is businesses, GGBW is also being used to increase awareness in the general public of climate science, clean growth and the opportunities it presents. Each day of the week has a different theme: Monday 15 October is climate science day; other days focus on innovation, green finance and business; Friday 19 October is the People's Day and an opportunity for wider public engagement.

Climate Science Day will highlight UK leadership in climate science and climate change action, as well as raise awareness of UK achievements to date. There is a launch event at the Natural History Museum in London for the IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C; the day will include a celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the Climate Change Act and STEM activities.

Dear David,

We have been approached by Leeds to host a 'climate chat' engagement here in Newcastle in collaboration with several other universities, including York, Aberdeen and others. I'm wondering if the University science outreach team and North East [campaigners] could collaborate on this one possibly. It will need to be run by volunteers, and probably involve setting up a stall somewhere in city centre, such as Monument for example [and getting members of the public to respond to questions in a questionnaire].

This would take place on Monday 15th October and the main purpose would be to gather information about questions people in Newcastle have about climate change and survey what's relevant to them, what they think is important or unimportant from their point of view etc. Information from this engagement/survey would feed into a final event in Leeds on 19 October 'Climate Question Time' that would feature an expert from Newcastle and will be streamed live online.

Please let me know what you think when you have a moment and if this is something [your group] could be involved with. I'll send draft of survey for information once I have it. Many thanks.

Best,

Brett Cherry, Institute for Sustainability