

# HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

## Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Present:** Chris Eddowes(chair), Richard Eddowes, Lynn Fletcher, Tahir Selby, Farhan Ali, Martin Green, Bill White, Michael Unwin, Diane Wanduragala, Keith Gorton, Jennifer Kerridge

**Apologies:** Irene Green,

**Minutes** Minutes of the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> October were accepted as an accurate record. Members thanked KG for the minutes & report of the Birmingham “Breaking the Chains” event.

### **Matters arising.**

- **Recycling Meeting** KG reported that he had a discussion with Helen Beaman. HB explained that due to cutbacks the HBC Recycling Department was very short of resources and she was finding it difficult to provide presenters for the proposed “Rubbish Evening”. She is seeking advice from Tony Hanson (Neighbourhood Services). HB said that if it was a small group, she could possibly arrange a visit to the J & J Ward recycling centre in Middlesbrough. KG explained to her that it was intended to hold an open meeting that would involve likeminded community groups such as \*Plastic Free Hartlepool”. HB said that she would try to provide speakers for a February meeting – possibly with Nigel Booth (J & J recycling).and Tony Hanson (HBC). KG agreed to keep in contact with HB. KG reported that he had visited J & J Ward recently with a group from the Park Residents’ Association & he gave a summary of key learning points.
- **Jubilee Debt Campaign Birmingham Celebration.** CE reported that she had arranged the subscription to “Peace News”. The newspaper will have a circulation list attached & will be passed on by members. KG reported that he had ordered Ann Pettifor’s book “The Production of Money: How to Break the Power of Bankers”. The book will have a circulation list attached & will be passed on by members.
- **Green Great Britain Week (GGBW) 15–19 October.** Several members had completed the questionnaire. LF reported that Leeds University is analysing the data and the results of that analysis will be forwarded.
- **JDC Debt Week 27 October – 4 November.** CE said she had received an action pack. The key objective was to ask for rip-off interest rates to be capped. For example, a £700 loan from Wonga would result in the borrower owing more than £1000 after 3 months. MG said that he had approached people but had, in general, received poor responses. MU wondered how the Community Bank was doing. LF said that it was encouraging that Martin Lewis had written a book on “Money Management” & he was giving it free to schools.
- **Peace Seminar at the Nasir Mosque.** TS & FA reminded members that this event would take place on Sunday 18 November. CE & MG said they had received invitations to go to an Ahmadiyya cheque presentation event (money raised for charities) and would like to go but as this was in London it would not be practicable.

### **Fairtrade**

- MG reported that Jenny Medhurst is to use the empty Boyes shop in the Dundas Arcade for the annual Traidcraft shop and it should be ready for opening by 21 November & will be open until 21 December. If anyone can help, please contact Jenny Medhurst.
- MG reported the good news that Traidcraft (retail) is planning to continue operating. However there will be significantly fewer staff (from 70+ to around 12) and there would be a much reduced product range.

- There will be a meeting of Teesside FT members on 22 November to discuss the impact of the changes to Traidcraft & to plan for FT Fortnight 2019. The Hartlepool FTT Steering Group will meet at Catcote Academy on 28 November.
- There will be no FT pop up shop in St Georges this year.

### **Correspondence**

- LF reported that NE-CAP had alerted members to the existence of Extinction Rebellion, an initiative that calls for calls for non-violent civil disobedience to bring the following demands to Government: to declare a state of emergency; to take action to create a zero carbon economy by 2025; to create a national assembly of ordinary people to decide what our zero carbon future will look like. NE-CAP is waiting till the end of November & will then decide whether to sign up for it.
- LF also reported that the 26 November it will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UK's Climate Act. The Climate Act needs to be revised with more demanding targets. "Birthday Cards" action is being promoted by the Climate Coalition and Christian Aid to encourage people to sign up & send a card to their MP to support 100% carbon free energy.
- LF notified members of two events
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> November – George Monbiot speaking at Newcastle University at 6.30 p.m. (Curtis Auditorium, Herschel Building, as one of the series of Insight lectures)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> December – Prof. Hayley Fowler (Professor of Climate Change Impacts, Newcastle University) speaking at Newcastle University at 5.30pm. (Curtis Auditorium, Herschel Building, as one of the series of Insight lectures)

### **AOB**

KG reported that he had attended the "Peoples Vote" march in London on 21 October & he asked members to write to their MP to support this aim.

**Next Meeting** Monday 17 December at 7,30 pm, St Georges – mince pies 😊

### **Actions from this meeting**

- KG agreed to keep in contact with Helen Beaman in order to arrange a "Rubbish Meeting".