

## Hartlepool for Global Peace and Justice minutes 11th.March '19

**Present** Chris Eddowes(chair),Richard Eddowes, Diana Wanduragala,Martin Green, Bill White,Jennifer Kerridge,Michael Unwin.

**Apologies** Irene Green, Keith Gorton, Lynn Fletcher, Mary Waldmeyer.

**Minutes:**Minutes of the meeting held on 11th.February 2019, were accepted as an accurate record.

**Matters Arising:** RUBBISH EVENING: held 25th.Feb at 7pm at St.George's.Went quite well,about 30 members of public attended and the Scout group. The deputy director of Neighbourhood Services gave a lively presentation, answered questions and joined in discussion.

**NE-CAP AGM** An interesting evening. A student gave a talk on Climate Change and the need to strike.. A rep from XR who advocated Extinction Rebellion, based on a talk given at Davos. The speaker urged governments to tell the truth and reduce the carbon footprint.See <https://rebellion.earth>. and Extinction Rebellion North East group. [https://www.facebook.com/XRNorth East/](https://www.facebook.com/XRNorthEast/)

Christian Aid called for protest and have in mind the demonstration to be held in London on 26th.June'19.

Chris reported the activities of HGPJ. The Vice Chancellor of Newcastle University reminded the meeting of the devastating loans made to countries like Mozambique by banks,such as HSBC.....

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT:** Martin reported,"It went reasonably well" -Catcote Chocolate Bar, chocolate given out on buses,stall in Middleton Grange took £80,4 sschools took part. Martin thanked warmly all who took part, Thanks to HBC through Claire McClaren,who will be applying for FT status.The flag was flown at the Civic Centre

**4. Letter to HSBC.** Christian Aid is encouraging groups to deliver a letter of protest to HSBC branches about them giving financial backing to coal burning projects.The meeting agreed to deliver a protest letter to the Hartlepool branch Manager of HSBC in York Road at 11am on Friday 22nd.March. Chris will bring the letter for the Manager.All the welcome!

**5. Traidcraft** is 40 this year and birthday celebrations are being planned. It was agreed to hold a party at St.George's on a Saturday, yet to be announced.

**6. Correspondence.** Chris sent a letter to Mike Hill MP urging him to support a debate in the House about Climate change. Unfortunately he was unable to attend. Martin sent a card about standards in tea plantations, most conformed to FT. Typhoo did not reply.

**7.Finance.** Thanks to the generosity of St.George's, HGPJ has used the Old Vestry free of charge. The meeting decided that the time had come to make a donation of £10 per month to St.George's for use of the room. Payment should be made every 6 months,beginning January 2019, first donations to be paid in June this year. The meeting expressed much thanks for use of the room over the years.

**8. AOB** None

**9. Date of next meeting:**8th.April,7.30pm at St.George's

**From NE CAP -**

Notes of interest:Greta Thunberg at the Climate Summit in Poland,Nov 2018(3mins), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFkQSGveCWg>;

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