

# HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

## Minutes of meeting held on 9 September 2019

**Present:** Chris Eddowes, Richard Eddowes, Bill White, Mary Waldmeyer, Michael Unwin, Lynn Fletcher, Jennifer Kerridge, Keith Gorton,

**Apologies:** Martin Green, Irene Green, Diana Wanduragala, Tahir Selby

**Minutes** Minutes of the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> August were accepted as an accurate record.

### **Matters arising.**

- **The Global (Climate Emergency) Strike** takes place on 20<sup>th</sup> September. Retired members can attend events that are being held at Newcastle, Sunderland, Durham & Middlesbrough see [www.campaigncc.org/climate\\_strike\\_20\\_september](http://www.campaigncc.org/climate_strike_20_september)
- **Climate Change Evening** takes place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. at West View Baptist Church, Miers Avenue, Hartlepool TS24 9JQ. No need to book – just turn up.

**Interfaith Conference** at the Nasir Mosque Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 3pm. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has issued invitations to attend the conference which will focus on Human Rights. If you are interested in going please book a place.

### **NECAP Meeting**

LF reported that

- David Golding had asked for the University staff to strike on 20<sup>th</sup> September but this had been unsuccessful. However, cinema chains had been written to asking that they show the one minute film on Climate Emergency.
- There is an Extinction Rebellion Christian Group.
- The Northumberland Wildlife Trust is holding an event on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 7pm to 9pm at Northumbria University “Big Wild Debate”. The event will focus on extinction & climate change in the North East. Tickets £5.

### **Great North Run pre-Meeting**

LF reported that the event was very good & there were 2 speakers:

- **Sarah Jane Clifton (Director of JDC)** who spoke about the campaign for debt trap of people in Gt Britain. Unsecured debt had risen by 6 times. Much research had been done to find means by which this debt can be managed.
- **Sandy Irvine (former Associate Editor of the Ecologist)** had international knowledge of factors influencing climate change. Stressed the fact that concrete production was a significant contributor to CO2 levels. Closing remarks were “have fewer children & go vegetarian”!

LF reported that the Service of Blessing for the Great North Run was well attended & that the songs led by Gareth Davies-Jones were very good.

### **Fairtrade**

- The successful FT Town Renewal had been reported in Hartlepool Life.
- There will be a FT Foundation Regional Conference in Middlesbrough on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September (10:30am - 3:30pm, Teesside University Students' Union.). KG asked members to attend if they could.
- Traidcraft 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday party has been organised by Jenny Medhurst on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at St Peter's Church, Yarm road, Stockton TS18 3PJ at 7pm. Tickets £5 must be purchased & places are limited.
- The FT Town Steering Group will meet in the Civic Centre on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### **One World Week 20 – 27 October (Climate Change is Everything – Time for Action)**

CE explained that HGPJ had not done much for OWW in recent times & questioned what could be done this time. It was suggested that OWW website could be googled for ideas. Members discussed what actions can be taken to combat climate change. There was agreement that there is a spectrum of actions available

Personal Lifestyle Changes – Campaigning – Demonstrating – Civil Disobedience

**AOB** None

**Next Meeting** Monday 14 October at 7,30 pm, St Georges