

# HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

## Minutes of meeting held on 14 October 2019

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

**Apologies:** Martin Green, Irene Green, Michael Unwin

**Minutes** Minutes of the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> September were accepted as an accurate record.

### **Matters arising.**

- **The Global (Climate Emergency) Strike in Middlesbrough** was attended by CE, DW & KG. This was organised by students from Teesside University. Not a large attendance but there were good passionate speeches & a “die for 8 minutes” which symbolised the fact that a species dies every 8 minutes
- **The Global (Climate Emergency) Strike in Durham** was attended by LF. The market place was pretty full & there were several speakers plus a choir.
- **Climate Change Evening** on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, at West View Baptist Church was attended by about 25 people including several HGPJ members. Extracts of films were presented by David Golding. LF reported that there was a member of JPIT (Joint Public Issues Team) present. JPIT is an organisation comprising 4 denominations (Baptist, Methodist, URC & Church of Scotland) & focuses on social justice & climate justice. A northern region conference is planned for next year.

**Interfaith Conference** at the Nasir Mosque on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September was attended by several members of HGPJ. Several very interesting speakers on the issue of human rights and the role religion has to play.

**FT Foundation Regional Conference in Middlesbrough** on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September was attended by MG, CE & KG. Key presentations in the plenary session were made by Adam Gardner, Head of Campaigns, Fairtrade Foundation (25 years of Fairtrade in the UK) & Mark Fishpool, Director Middlesbrough Environment City (Middlesbrough Food Plan and Fairtrade). Attendees then split into groups dealing with Fairtrade Fortnight 2012, Climate Change & economic justice & How to meet your MP.

**Traidcraft 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday party** organised by Jenny Medhurst on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at St Peter's Church, Yarm road, Stockton was attended by CE, RE, DW & KG. Excellent presentation by Paul Chandler ex CEO of Traidcraft. Jenny Medhurst was presented with gifts for the Mary Thompson Fund (her favoured charity). Very enjoyable evening (especially the food!).

### **Correspondence**

- **JDC Debt Week.** Agreed that LF would send for an Action Pack. CE suggested that HGPJ could organise its own petitions.
- **Global Citizen** is organising a massive campaign “Global Goal Live: The Possible Dream” calling on world leaders, corporations & individual funders to help bridge the \$350 billion funding gap to achieve the Global Goals by 2030 in the 59 poorest countries. Members felt that the nature of Global Citizens campaigns were tailored more towards younger people but HGPJ should monitor developments of the proposed campaign.

### **Future Plans**

- Support JDC Debt Week
- General Election Hustings. Members discussed whether HGPJ should organise one this time. In the current political climate there were risks but on balance it was agreed in principle to hold one but a firm decision would be made nearer the time when candidates were known.
- Support Jenny Medhurst's shop.
- Pop up Shop. Undecided if HGPJ should have one this year (there wasn't one last year). MW suggested that, as an alternative, HGPJ could offer people transport to Jenny Medhurst's shop.

**Next Meeting** Monday 11 November at 7,30 pm, St Georges