

# HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

## Minutes of meeting held on 11 November 2019

**Present:** Chris Eddowes, Richard Eddowes, Diana Wanduragala, Lynn Fletcher, Michael Unwin, Keith Gorton,

**Apologies:** Martin Green, Irene Green, Mary Waldmeyer, Bill White

**Minutes** Minutes of the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> October were accepted as an accurate record.

### **Matters arising.**

- **JDC Debt Week** LF had sent for the Action Pack. The posters had arrived but the Pack had only arrived today, couldn't be delivered to the house. LF will collect from the sorting office & will drop them off to CE tomorrow.

**Treasurer** LF agreed to act as Treasurer until Irene Green can resume.

### **Fairtrade**

- The Cornerstone has closed because Gail has got another job. The Fairtrade Town Steering Group are exploring the possibility of developing FT product sales at The Vestry & at the Catcote Metro shop.
- At the recent FTTSG meeting it was decided that in Fairtrade Fortnight 2020 there will be a schools' Story Telling Competition instead of the usual baking competition. The theme of FT Fortnight is "She deserves a better story" and schools will be invited to write stories that develop that theme. The stories can have any format including video.
- Jenny Medhurst's Traidcraft shop is expected to open on the 18<sup>th</sup> November & close on 21 December. Volunteers to staff the shop during this period are required.

**Peace & Justice Seminar** Members should have received invitations to attend the seminar at the Nasir Mosque on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**Hustings** It was agreed to arrange a hustings on one of the following dates December 3, 5, 6. Failing that it might be possible to hold the event on November 28 or 29 but this is undesirable. **KG agreed to arrange the hustings.** (*Secretary's post meeting note – after consultation with parliamentary candidates, the hustings will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm*)

**NECAP** LF reported that

- the JPIT member who had attended the Climate Change Evening at West View Baptist Church on 17<sup>th</sup> September had subsequently met with David Golding.
- The Druridge Bay development has been paused. It may help that the area is designated as one of outstanding natural beauty.
- David Golding went to the XR demonstrations in London, sleeping in a church overnight!
- There has been much discussion at NECAP about the XR demonstrations & in particular about the London Underground violent incident.
- The **26th** session of the Conference of the Parties (**COP 26**) to the UNFCCC is expected to take place from 9-19 November **2020**, in **Glasgow**, UK.

### **Correspondence**

- **Brexit** Several members commented on receiving election material from the Brexit Party.
- KG referred to a letter he had received from Mike Hill MP that outlined MH's view that a time for compromise had been reached but that any agreement must protect workers' rights. He is prepared to support a second referendum.

### **Future Plans**

- Support JDC Debt Week
- Support Jenny Medhurst's shop.
- No Pop up Shop. At St Georges this year

### **AOB**

- There will be a Wintertide Festival at St Hilda's on 23 November

**Next meeting** 9th December at 7.30pm Mince Pies (probably) 😊