

HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

Minutes of meeting held on 13 January 2020

Present: Chris Eddowes, Richard Eddowes, Mary Waldmeyer, Lynn Fletcher, Martin Green, Jennifer Kerridge, Keith Gorton,

Apologies: Irene Green, Bill White, Diana Wanduragala, Michael Unwin

Minutes There were no minutes written for the meeting held on 9th December.

Matters arising. None

Treasurer LF agreed that she would take over as Treasurer at the next meeting.

Traidcraft Shop Jenny Medhurst was very pleased with the turnover of just over £30,000. She is arranging a celebratory party for all who helped. This will be at 7pm on 28th January in All Saints Hall, Hartburn.

JDC Review

- Mozambique Campaign – More than 50 MPs had signed up & JDC were asking for permanent debt relief for Mozambique.
- The new Head of IMF had put the Debt Crisis at the top of their agenda.
- In 2019, 1 in 4 people were struggling with debt.
- JDC had managed to raise £50,000.

Fairtrade

- The FT Town Steering Group will meet on 29th January at 3.45 pm in the Civic Centre.
- FT Fortnight runs from 24th February to 8th March. Schools are being invited to participate in a story writing competition “*She deserves a better story*” on the theme of ensuring that all farmers (particularly women cocoa farmers in West Africa) are paid fairly for their work and are able to earn a living income. Presentation of awards for the winning entries will be in the Community Hub on 6th March.
- A decision on whether to have a Fairtrade stall in the Middleton Granger shopping centre had not been made. MG explained that it was difficult to arrange one this year due to personal circumstances & doubts about whether there would be sufficient volunteers to staff the stall.

Future Plans

- Support Climate Crisis campaigns.
- Try to link up with Extinction Rebellion (Hartlepool)
- Support JDC's Debt Reduction Campaign
- Support COP26

AOB

NECAP AGM is on 2 March.

- HGPJ AGM will be held on 10 March
- KG brought to the attention of the Group a programme broadcast on Channel 4 on 8th January in which environmental campaigner George Monbiot argues that the biggest problem driving us towards global disaster is how we feed ourselves, particularly on meat. KG described some of the surprising facts brought to light in the programme. The programme can be viewed until 7 February
<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/apocalypse-cow-how-meat-killed-the-planet/on-demand/68432-001>

Next meeting 10th March. (NB This may have to be rescheduled. If so, members will be notified)