

Minutes of Meeting Held on 25.10.18.

Trade Campaign

There is to be a second reading of the bill in the Lords. There is a petition asking the Lords to introduce amendments to the bill based on Caroline Lucas's amendments. This is an online action which has been very successful. National are suggesting that local groups should continue to campaign on social media.

There has been a government consultation on trade deals. It has been open for three months but it will close at midnight tomorrow. Some of us have completed the online form but we have not had much advance warning about this action.

Pint of Politics

A couple of us went to an event in the Green Dragon Theatre a couple of weeks ago. The focus was Industrial Teesside but it is one of a series of meetings on different topics. There were about thirty people present. We should think about this as a possible venue for a future talk on one of our campaigns as we would have a readymade venue and audience. The green candidate for Scarborough and Whitby would be willing to speak, David Malone.

Farmers Market

We have not done a stall this year so agreed that we would go to the November market. We agreed to focus on food waste which is not a GJN campaign but we can make it relevant as we really need a food based campaign if we are to use the market as a venue.

Tasks

Maggie to arrange to share the Allotment Association stall

Caryn to produce a leaflet and a set of quiz questions.

Andy Watson to produce a large poster.

Six of us are free to attend the market between 10 and 12.

Pharmaceuticals Game

We have been sent the Price is Right game, it is a large board illustrating how the cost of certain medicines have increased, despite the fact that public money funds much of the research. We have not been very enthusiastic about this campaign and we would need a suitable venue to run it. Other groups report that the game has been successful when they have used it. There is soon to be a new report about putting the public and democracy back into the drugs industry. We could think about having a public meeting with one of the GJN campaigners.

Global Warming

We are concerned that this is an extremely important issue which GJN are no longer campaigning on. We think it is time to revive this campaign.

Action Barbara to contact National to give them our feedback about the lack of campaigning tools on this issue.

Think Global Extra

In future we will only get three editions of Think Global in February, June and October. In other months there will be a Think Global Extra which will be emailed out. Everyone is able to subscribe to this via the website.

Banking

We are still struggling with the Co-op bank as we do not remember who our signatories are. Jacky has now found out that Andy Welford is one. We need to add Jacky's name and change the name of the account from WDM to GJN and also change the address to Jacky's new address.

Action Barbara and Andy to try to progress this.

Next Meetings

Next meeting on Thursday 29 November at the Marine

Christmas meal on Tuesday 18 December at The Thai Restaurant. *Maggie to book*