



# Brussels Labour Executive Committee

## Minutes

Wednesday 17 July 2013

**1. Apologies:** Paul Hagan, Nicholas Elles

**2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising:** Minutes adopted. On point 3, it was agreed to schedule a discussion on membership at the September Executive Committee meeting.

**3. Reports from officers and correspondence:**

a. Chair:

- Jo thanked the Committee for all their work in the organisation of the 40th Anniversary Dinner which took place on 19 June 2013. She also confirmed that she had written to Maggie Coulthard and Peter Wragg to thank them for hosting the summer social on 10 July 2013.

b. Treasurer:

- Accounts in credit

**4. September Branch meeting and EGM:**

- Wednesday 18 September 2013: it was agreed to hold an extraordinary general meeting on 18 September 2013 prior to the Branch meeting, to elect an ordinary Executive Committee member to fill the vacancy left by Georgina. Formal notification would be circulated to Brussels Labour members by the Secretary as soon as possible and by the deadline of 18 August.
- Lord (Jack) McConnell was confirmed as speaker for the Branch meeting, on the theme of Scotland and the EU, in view of the Scottish referendum which will take place on Thursday 18 September 2014. Charlotte to book FEPS as the venue and to organise refreshments. Budget agreed at 50EUR with donations to cover costs.

**5. JF Lecture:**

- JF Lecture 2013 - 16 October: Martin Schulz is confirmed for Wednesday 16 October; venue - Press Club. Jo is liaising with his office as regards the arrangements for the event.

**6. Conference:**

- Sunday rally in Brighton: Jo and Keir had met with David Schoibl from LME to discuss the BL/LME/EM event on the Sunday morning of Conference. Speakers are in the process of being confirmed and the EP2014 election candidates will be invited. Jo to send to David text for possible invitation flyer.

**7. London reception:**

- Proposed date is 28 October 2013. Charlotte to assist Jo and Keir with the organisation of event. Belinda to progress proposal for budget for the event.

**8. Pub Quiz:**

- The organisation of the pub quiz (planned for November) would be discussed at the September Executive Committee meeting.

**9. Policy:**

- Keir reported back on the National Policy Forum which took place on 23 June and which he attended as the LI representative.

#### **10. Sister parties/LI**

- Charlotte advised that an EP event is planned for 3 October to be organised by the PS Belge and PS France. It was agreed to explore the possibility of providing a speaker for the event.

#### **11. A.O.B**

- David/Belinda/Jo to liaise with Paul on the book sales. It was agreed that the remaining books would be sold at 25EUR, and thereafter they could be ordered directly from the website.

#### **12. Next meeting: Wednesday 4 September 19:30 @ Paul's.**