



Brussels Labour Executive Committee

Minutes

Monday 11 November 2013

1. Apologies: Belinda Pyke, Isobel Findlay, Martin Dawson, Nicholas Elles, Maureen Hick

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising: Minutes adopted.

3. Reports from officers and correspondence:

a. Chair:

- Jo thanked everyone for their help with the organisation of the JF lecture which took place in October 2013.
- After some brief discussion it was agreed that EPLP representatives would only be invited to Executive Committee meetings when the majority of members, including the Chair and vice-Chair, are present.

b. Secretary and membership:

- The JF lecture had resulted in renewed interest and queries from some lapsed members.

c. Treasurer:

- A written report was circulated in advance. Accounts in credit.
- Grant of £250 from LICC for BL@40 has been transferred to the BL account at 288€.
- No news from LME on the bill for the Conference fringe.

4. Branch meetings and other events in 2013 & 2014:

- The pub quiz would take place on Wednesday 27 November at Cafe Place de Londres. Paul to coordinate arrangements regarding the raffle and quiz prizes. As previously agreed, the pub quiz would be self-financing, with the costs covered from the team subscriptions and sale of raffle tickets. Any remaining funds would be donated to Médecins Sans Frontières to support their work with the victims of the war in Syria.
- The Christmas social will take place on 18 December at Jo and David's house.
- Exec Christmas dinner will take place on 19 December. Jo to book restaurant.
- January 2014: The Branch meeting will take place on 22 January. Paul to investigate possible speakers.

5. BL 40th anniversary:

- Costa Blanca branch have bought one BL@40 book.

6. Communications and website:

- The current edition of Germinal was distributed at the JF lecture.
- The next edition should be ready in time for the branch meeting on 22 January 2014.

7. Sister parties/LI

- This Saturday 16 November French PS 'Autumn University' will take place in Brussels. Charlotte has been heavily involved in the organisation. An invitation has been circulated to members.
- The annual sister party reception will take place on 1 April. Arrangements to be discussed at a future exec meeting.

8. Countdown to May 2014

- It was agreed that at the next Exec meeting, the appointment of a dedicated campaigns' officer would be discussed.

9. A.O.B

- Keir had received an invitation to a 'Britain in the World' event at the National Policy Forum in November but would be unable to attend due to it taking place on a weekday.

10. Next meeting: Christmas Executive dinner Thursday 19 December 19:30 @ tbc.