



# Brussels Labour Executive Committee

## Minutes

Wednesday 3 October 2013

**1. Apologies:** Jo Wood, David O'Leary

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

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

a. Chair:

- Jo had submitted a written report in advance of the meeting, covering the later items on the agenda. It had been agreed to postpone the discussion with Stephen Pearse to the November Executive Committee meeting.

b. Secretary and membership:

- one new member since the last meeting.

c. Treasurer:

- Accounts in credit.

- The bill for the Conference fringe event had not yet been received from LME.

**4. Branch meetings and other events in 2013:**

- The John Fitzmaurice Lecture would be delivered by Martin Schulz MEP, President of the European Parliament, and would take place on 16 October 2013 at the Press Club.
- Feedback from EGM and Jack McConnell meeting: Maureen Hick had been elected to the Executive Committee at the EGM and was welcomed to her first Committee meeting. Jo had written to thank Jack McConnell for coming to speak to the Branch.
- Pub Quiz: it was agreed that the pub quiz should take place on Thursday 28 November at, Pl. de Londres. More detailed arrangements to be confirmed at next Committee meeting.
- Christmas social: timing and details to be confirmed at next meeting.

**5. BL 40th anniversary:**

- Remaining books: there are 32 books left to sell. Since the last meeting, 3 books have been sold at 25EUR, 7 at Conference at 20GBP each, and one at 25EUR, and one given to Jack McConnell as a gift.

**6. LP Conference:**

- Feedback: the BL/LME Conference Fringe had gone well, with candidates from every region present. It was agreed to schedule a discussion about next year's Fringe meeting at the December Executive Committee meeting.

**7. Communications and website:**

- Martin is gathering together contributions to enable publication in time for the JF Lecture on 16 October.

**8. Sister parties/LI**

- The Committee congratulated Charlotte Billingham who was elected vice-Chair of the LICC at the AGM in Brighton on Sunday 22 September 2013.
- The PS Belge propose to organise a rally on 16 November 2013. Information would be circulated to the Branch once the programme was finalised. The proposed participation fee per sister party would be 10EUR and this was agreed.

**9. A.O.B**

- It was agreed at the next meeting to return to the issue of topic/issue briefings, ahead of the 2014 elections.
- There was a discussion about potential speakers for the January meeting - to be confirmed at the November Committee meeting.

**10. Next meeting: Wednesday 6 November 19:30 @ Jo's.**