

1. Apologies: Sue Davies

2. Minutes & action points of the last meeting and matters arising: Minutes agreed

3. Reports from officers and correspondence

a. Chair

- Jo welcomed everyone and thanked everyone involved in General Election campaigning, particularly Keir who organised the campaigning in London
- Jo asked everyone who took part in campaigning to send a report for the next edition of Germinal

b. Secretary

- Numerous updates had been sent during GE campaign, with thanks to Imogen for providing the content for the weekly election updates

c. Treasurer

- Accounts in credit. Only 50 members have renewed subscriptions to date

d. Membership secretary.

- As membership secretary not present, membership items dealt at point c

4. Branch Meetings and other events in 2017

- It was agreed to bring forward the Summer Social to the 28th June as most people would not be in Brussels in July, and to change the date of the meeting in September to 20th September
- Wednesday 28th June: Summer Social
- Wednesday 20th September : David Martin MEP if available
- Wednesday 22nd November: pub quiz – it was agreed to donate the proceeds to the Jo Cox fund

5. Labour Party Conference

- The possibility of having a Fringe event with LME and LI was discussed, with the possibility of inviting Emily Thornberry or Keir Starmer
- It was agreed that 500 euro could be made as a contribution to the running costs

6. Labour International

- NPF were involved in the development of the Labour election manifesto – Jos has written a [blog post](#) for the LI website on the links between the NPF discussions and the manifesto, as evidence of their involvement in the policy process. Jos expressed his interest in standing again for the NPF, as new elections would probably take place in September.
- Jo asked Jos to keep the Exec informed of NPF activities, so the Branch could be involved as possible in the consultation process

7. Sister Parties

Paul to circulate forthcoming sister party events ahead of the German elections in September

8. Comms, website, mailings, germinal

- Nothing to report, other than action points elsewhere

9. AOB

- Rosemary mentioned an email regarding old Brussels labour files, held by a previous secretary. It was decided to contact specific BL members if they were interested in becoming the Brussels Labour archivist

10. Next meeting Wednesday 6th September