

**1. Apologies:** Keir Fitch, Rosemary Hindle, Tim Allan, Thomas Fillis, Eleanor Linsell

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

**3. Reports from officers and correspondence**

a. Chair

- Jo thanked everyone for last week's meeting, especially Eleanor for bringing refreshments
- Jo noted the sad passing of Julian Priestley, and that arrangements would be made for an obituary in Germinal and in the next BL update.

b. Secretary

- Secretary sent apologies for the meeting, thus no report

c. Treasurer

- Accounts in credit
- The Committee agreed a donation of €250 to LME, €500 for fringe event at conference, €500 donation to the party for the general election. According to the rules a grant of €500 on campaigning travel can be made, without being endorsed by an EGM (maximum €100 pp in return for proof of travel/hotel, report for Germinal, and pictures/tweets throughout the day),

d. Membership secretary.

- No membership report to make

**4. General election campaigning**

- Oxford: Sat 21/Sun 22 May
- LME have also got dates to campaign
- Tooting 3rd June (Rosena Allin-Khan), Hampstead and Kilburn 4th June (Tulip Siddiq)
- Accommodation can be provided in Tooting by Labour party members there
- Labour International will be sending a mailing tomorrow/Friday

**5. Branch Meetings and other events in 2017**

- Wednesday 31st May: meeting with French MEP, to take place in the PS office if this venue is preferred
- Wednesday 28th June: David Martin MEP if available

**6. Labour International Colin O'Driscoll joined the meeting to update the Committee on LI activities**

- LI treasurer has unexpectedly passed away -- the committee send their sympathies to his family and friends and the rest of LI committee
- Focus on voter registration
- Global meetings being held at 10am and 8pm on Sundays-- Open meeting on the 11th June
- Looking into phone-banking with trade union support
- LI to update those who join/leave Brussels
- There are currently 6 LI members in Antwerp and 1 in Ghent

- Potential for 20-30 branches around the world

#### **7. Sister Parties**

- New Portuguese branch
- PS looking for local election candidates who are non-Belgian

#### **8. Comms, website, mailings, germinal**

- Nothing to report, other than action points elsewhere

#### **9. AOB**

- No AOB

#### **10. Next meeting Wednesday 7 June**