

1. Apologies: Eleanor, David, Jos, Imogen

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

It was noted that two candidates from Brussels Labour (Jo Wood and Keir Fitch) have been confirmed on the list for the local elections in October in Brussels 1000 and Etterbeek respectively.

Thanks to all those who attended the Stop Brexit/People's Vote March on 23 June in London, including Belinda Pyke, former BL Chair. It was noted that another march is being organised for 20 October.

Minutes approved

3. Reports from officers and correspondence

a. Chair

The Chair noted thanks to Maggie and Peter for once again hosting the Brussels Labour Summer Social and congratulations to Paul Hagan and his partner Myriam on the birth of their son.

b. Treasurer

As the Treasurer was not present, there was no Treasurer's report.

c. Secretary

It was agreed that as Labour MEPs and their assistants could be considered as having a legitimate interest in branch activities they would be included in the BL mailing list.

d. Membership Secretary

- The partner of Julien Priestley has joined Brussels Labour and his details have been added to the mailing list. Jo will follow up with membersnet, to contact LI members living in Belgium

4. Branch meetings and other events in 2018

a. Branch Meetings

19 September: It was decided to organise a meeting on the Belgian communal elections – however, as Keir was unsure if he would be able to attend, it was decided to finally confirm the date depending on his availability. Jo will research **possible speakers**.

17 October: It was decided as the meeting will take place ahead of the October EU Council meeting, that it should focus on Brexit, the exact topic depending on the current status of the negotiations

b. Social events

Rosemary will liaise with Paul regarding the arrangements for the visit to Ypres, and send another mailing to the Branch.

c. Fringe Event at Conference

It has been agreed to host a fringe event with FEPS during the Conference on the theme of the Labour Party and its relationship with Europe after Brexit on 24th September. Possible speakers to be contacted were suggested, including Andrew Adonis, Richard Corbett, Udo Bullmann, among others and moderated by David.

d. Other events

27 September: Inauguration of Place Jo Cox. Jo reported on the news that Brussels Commune are naming a square close to the Ancienne Belgique to commemorate Jo Cox. A save the date will be sent to Brussels Labour members to

organise a meeting on the same day if he was able to attend.

6. LI

It was noted that a motion on Brexit has been passed by LI. It was decided to invite LI members to campaign for Keir and Jo in the Communal elections, on the weekend of 6-7 October. It was noted that Dalvir Singh, LI Treasurer is standing down and appreciation was expressed for his tireless support of the Branch.

7. NPF

It was noted that Jos is standing as a candidate in the upcoming NPF elections.

8. Communal elections

Jo and Keir will develop a calendar to send to the Branch to ask for their support to help with campaigning. It was agreed that the Branch will make a contribution of 300 euro each to the campaigns of Jo and Keir respectively.

9. Communications, website, mailings, Germinal

Imogen was congratulated on the latest edition of Germinal. It was agreed that the articles would be put on the website and sent to the Branch

10. AOB

11.. Date of next meeting 5 September

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