

1. Apologies: Eleanor, Jo, Imogen, Simon

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

Isobel to draft an email for David to send to LI regarding their proposal to submit a rule change to Conference rather than a contemporary motion.

Minutes approved

3. Reports from officers and correspondence

a. Chair

Isobel and David reported on their attendance at the Mayor of Islington's inauguration. It had been suggested that members of the Islington CLPs might be interested in coming to Brussels to campaign in the run up to the Communal elections. It was proposed that the Chair write to Islington North and South CLPs to suggest twinning with them for campaigning purposes.

b. Treasurer

- The account is in credit.

c. Secretary

BL members and supporters have been contacted several times to obtain their permission to remain on the BL mailing list in compliance with the new GDPR legislation. All BL members would be included automatically as there was a "legitimate interest" in keeping them informed.

It was agreed that Rosemary will source obtaining a Branch banner, to promote our participation in the march in London on 23 June and which could also be used for other Branch events.

d. Membership Secretary

- Jo will follow up with new LI members in Belgium

4. Branch meetings and other events in 2018

a. Branch Meetings

27 June: it was decided to hold a panel discussion on the issues surrounding Ireland and Brexit, and invite representatives of the Irish Labour Party to participate. Rosemary will follow up with Paul and Charlotte.

11 July: Maggie and Peter have kindly agreed to host the summer social once again. Rosemary will do the shopping and liaise with Maggie regarding delivery.

d. Social events

Rosemary has included information about the planned trip to Ypres in Branch mailings. Paul will be asked to draft an agenda.

6. LI

Simon and Rosemary will draft an article for the LI newsletter to promote Brussels Labour, and to send information on Branch activities to LI also for inclusion in the newsletter.

Jos noted that his article had not been included in the LI newsletter, but it would be circulated. Another online meeting was planned for 16 June. It was noted that LI are proposing another rule change motion on Labour Party membership, (which will prevent them from submitting a contemporary motion) and concerns were expressed that what was being proposed was not factually correct. It was proposed to write to BL members asking them to support the submission of a contemporary motion instead.

7. NPF

The NPF submissions discussed at the Branch meeting on 23 May were finalised and approved.

8. Sister parties

David, Tom and Charlotte will attend the forthcoming Sister Parties meeting. It was proposed that Tom should write an article about registering to vote in the Communal elections for the LI newsletter, and efforts should be continued to mobilise professional and expat networks. The “I vote where I live” campaign for the regional elections next year was noted, and it was agreed to focus on this after the Communal elections.

9. Communications, website, mailings, Germinal

Imogen will produce a new Germinal in time for the Summer Social

10. AOB

11.. Date of next meeting 18 July

Keir to host