

1. Apologies: Tom, Imogen, Jos, Simon

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

David has contacted Peter Wragg to ask him to lead a review, in conjunction with members of the Executive Committee on BL relationships with Labour International.

David to contact possible Brussels Labour members who could be co-opted for the current Executive Committee mandate

The minutes were approved

3. Reports from officers and correspondence

a. Chair

The Chair noted Brussels Labour participation on the People's Vote march and the last Branch meeting which included a report on the Labour Party Conference

He also noted the results of the recent Communal elections and congratulated Jo and Keir on the results as well as thanking the Brussels and Islington members of the Labour party who supported their campaigns.

b. Secretary

The Secretary's report was covered in other agenda items.

c. Treasurer

As the Treasurer was not present there was no report.

d. Membership Secretary

Isobel will contact Jos for an update on the members who have paid their subs directly to the BL bank account

4. Branch meetings and other events in 2018

a. Branch Meetings

21 November: Pub Quiz. All Executive Committee members compiling questions should send them to Rosemary by 15 November. David will host a meeting on Sunday 18 November at 3pm to check the questions and confirm the final arrangements. In the meantime, Tom Simon and Imogen will work on promotion and finding some additional raffle prizes. For promotion there will be the banner and posters.

b. Social events

5 December: Winter Social Rosemary will take care of the shopping

5. 2019 Planning

It was suggested to contact Alastair Campbell as a possible speaker for the John Fitzmaurice lecture and to ask Frans Timmermans to be the guest for the Sister Parties event foreseen ahead of the EP elections. Jo will contact the Sister Parties regarding organisation of the event

It was also agreed to invite Richard Angell to be a speaker for a future meeting. A possible topic for the first meeting of 2019 could be British workers after Brexit to be organised jointly with the GMB – Jude Kirkton-Darling could be a possible speaker – Rosemary will contact the GMB.

Marking the UK's departure from the EU was also discussed and it was proposed that BL could organize a vigil in Place Jo Cox on the night of 29 March.

6. Labour Party Conference

It was agreed that Jos' suggestion to prepare a "how to" guide with a checklist, price guide and list of contacts to support the next Committee when organising future events should be postponed to the next meeting.

7. LI

The proposals on the relationship between LI and its Branches were discussed and it was agreed that more clarification was needed, given BL's longstanding agreement with the Labour party and the new requirements for branches and CLPs following the democracy review

Jo reiterated the need to become more involved in LI activities

8. Communications

There was no update as Simon and Imogen were not present. The next edition of Germinal will be produced for the Winter Social.

9. Date of next meeting

7 January 2019: Isobel to host