

1. **Apologies:** Jos, Charlotte

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

### 3. Reports from officers and correspondence

a. **Chair:** David has posted some additional papers regarding the BL fringe event at the 2018 Labour Party Conference, which it is hoped will clarify the outstanding issues.

Noting the results of the Labour Party leadership elections, it was agreed to send a letter of congratulations to Sir Keir Starmer and Angela Rayner; and to Dr Rosena Ali Khan as members of the Branch had campaigned for her in Tooting during the 2017 General Election. The success of the first BL apero on zoom was also noted, with the participation of several members who had not yet attended physical branch meetings.

b. **Secretary:** Nothing to report not covered elsewhere. Rosemary suggested asking BL members in the next mailing if they needed or wished to offer support to other BL members.

c. **Treasurer:** As the Treasurer was absent, there was no report

d. **Membership secretary:** in view of the continuing problems accessing membersnet, the LI Membership secretary will download and forward a list of Brussels Labour members around the 8<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### 4. Branch meetings and other events in 2020

- **AGM:** The AGM was cancelled as a result of the lockdown imposed by the Belgian government to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. After a short discussion, it was decided to postpone the decision on whether the AGM should go ahead, to the next meeting, when it might be more clear how long the lockdown might last and what measures the Belgian government might put in place regarding physical gatherings for the medium term. In the meantime, current Executive members will promote the possibility of standing for the BL Executive to Brussels Labour members.
- **Branch Meeting 29 April:** Instead of the proposed "meet and greet" for members at the House of European Progressives, it was suggested, following the appointment of Anneliese Dodds to the position of Shadow Chancellor, to invite her to next branch meeting on 29 April, which will take place on zoom. Jo will contact her, and Rosemary will follow up with the link.

5. **LI:** It was noted that the LI AGM has been postponed until the middle of May

6. **Sister parties** Brussels Labour has co-signed a [letter](#) together with some of the sister parties calling for more support for the most vulnerable affected by the lockdown in Belgium

7. **Communications:** Rosemary, Tom, Imogen and Cassia organised a meeting to discuss the Branch communications. A draft suggesting a course of action is being prepared and will be circulated to the whole Executive. Rosemary has had a meeting with Mark Alexander, who is interested in helping with the branch website.

8. **AOB:** none

9. **Next meeting:** 6 May on zoom