



Brussels Labour Executive Committee

Minutes

Wednesday 28 September

Apologies:

Jos Gallagher

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

2. Reports from officers and correspondence

- a. **Chair:** The Chair updated the Committee on the latest situation regarding the House of European Progressives – there have been no further updates to the agreement which Imogen emailed previously. She thanked everyone involved in the meeting with Kathleen van Brempt which had been quite successful. It was noted that we should agree which meetings to share in case of being overwhelmed.
- b. **Secretary:** Nothing to report not covered elsewhere. The Secretary has written to thank Kathleen van Brempt for her participation.
- c. **Treasurer:** As the Treasurer was not present there was no report. It was agreed to have an update of the donations which had been made for the next meeting. Regarding the decision to make a donation to LP CLPs in London, Scotland and Wales ahead of next year's elections, as many of the candidates had not yet been selected, it was decided to make the donation to the London mayoral campaign instead. The number of BL mugs available for sale will be included in a future mailing.
- d. **Membership secretary:** The Membership Secretary will send screenshot of error messages she is receiving when trying to log into membersnet so we can take this up with LI.

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4. Branch meetings and other events in 2020

- **14 October:** It was decided to postpone the meeting to 21 October when the Brussels Chair of Democrats abroad indicated her availability for that evening. There is also the possibility (public health restrictions permitting, of organising a post-election breakfast with some of the sister parties on 4 November.
- **18 November:** It was agreed to go ahead with the annual quiz, but organise it virtually. The Secretary will include a "save the date" in the next mailing, and the logistics will be finalised at the next committee meeting. It was decided to organise 5 rounds with Committee members taking responsibility for preparing different rounds: Picture round; Labour Party; EU; Belgium; 2020. David Earnshaw will be asked to be the quizmaster.
- **Other meetings:** The possibility of having a virtual John Fitzmaurice lecture was discussed. Possible speakers were identified, and the idea will be further explored at the next meeting.

5. LI:

The Committee was updated on the last LI General Committee during which the proposed LI communications plan was referred back for further discussion following concerns raised, and it was agreed that this should be closely monitored. A motion was also passed regarding the passing of a motion on the proposition of an elected LP Secretary General, which LI has suggested could be the basis of its resolution for the next LP conference.

6. Sister parties

It was agreed to keep the situation regarding the Circolo under review. According to the contract we need to let the PD know 60 days before 1 April if we want to continue the arrangement. It was decided to review the situation in January, depending on the current public health situation and the views of the other partners.

7. Communications

The team responsible for updating the website are arranging a time to meet and ensure all the relevant passwords for social media are available. A December edition of Germinal will be prepared.

Next meeting 28 October.