



Brussels Labour Executive Committee

Minutes

Thursday 29 October 2020

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

2. Reports from officers and correspondence

- a. **Chair:** The October Branch meeting on the US elections went very well and the Chair suggested a follow-up meeting on a post-election debrief. She has also details of a contact on Sadiq Khan's mayoral campaign so that we can make the donation as proposed.
- b. **Secretary:** Nothing to report not covered elsewhere. The Secretary will follow up on membership queries and check that LI have details of our GC delegates
- c. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer reported the account is in credit. The payments to the charities agreed at the AGA have been made, as well as to the Labour Movement for Europe. Will make the payment to the London Mayoral campaign as soon as the contact is received.
- d. **Membership secretary:** There are still problems connecting to membersnet and will contact LI again.

4. Branch meetings and other events in 2020

- **18 November:** Arrangements for the quiz were underway. Those setting the questions will have a meeting on the 15th November to go through the questions and ensure they were accessible to everyone possibly attending. It was agreed to ask for a voluntary donation towards Branch funds rather than a mandatory entrance fee.
- **Other meetings:** It was suggested that we link about with other branches close to Belgium (perhaps Luxembourg and the Netherlands) and organise a joint meeting. The Treasurer agreed to reach out. A possible meeting was suggested for 2 December, as we would not be having the winter social, perhaps on the NPF process or on international development – Global Justice Now could be a potential partner. Paul Blomfield MP could be a possible speaker for a meeting on the latest position on a UK-EU trade deal. A follow up meeting with Democrats Abroad was also suggested.

It was suggested to ask Alastair Campbell to be a speaker for the next John Fitzmaurice Lecture – a letter of invitation will be drafted. Helena Kennedy could also be a possible speaker for the next JF Lecture.

5. LI:

The establishment of the LI Development Network was noted, for which there might be a lot of interest in the Branch. There was an update from the last GC meeting. As we still needed to find a fourth GC delegate and no one has come forward, it was agreed that two Committee members would share the responsibility until the next AGM when new elections could be held.

6. Sister parties

The PD are organising a breakfast event following the US elections – details will be included in the next mailing

7. Communications

The Members Survey was discussed and will be updated following the comments and circulated for further comments. Consultations on updating the website are continuing.

Next meeting in early December – date to be confirmed.