Mid-Somerset CND & Peace Group

Monday 4th November 2024

7.30 pm, City Arms

1. Present: Donnie (chair) Bevis, Lee, Bea, Julia, Jacky

2. Apologies: Nina, Paul, Helena, Rex

3. Minutes of last meeting, 7.10.2024

 Matters arising:

Strode freshers Fair:

**Action:** Ask Donnie if she can establish whether we can restart talking to the students on the Politics course as part of their studies.

Jacky will forward on emails from ‘Mendip Friends of Palestine’ and disseminate dates to our members.

Harry Patch memorial: Donnie reported that our wreath and the ‘posy’ from Alan Williams had been moved round to the side of the memorial. Julia reported that they have both now disappeared/ been taken/ removed by persons unknown.

Action: Donnie suggested that next year we place the wreath on International Peace Day (for a few weeks) and then subsequently remove it and place it back for Remembrance Day on 11th November.

Sue Jones has recently spent 3 months in Jerusalem (not near Gaza) as an ecumenical observer and is happy to speak about her experiences.

**Action**: Bevis will contact her and see if she would be happy to speak to us at one of our meetings.

Minutes from last meeting were accepted by the committee and we thanked Bevis who will arrange distribution to the local membership.

4. Treasurer’s Report : Jacky reported that we have a healthy balance.

Bevis ordered leaflets and petition from National CND for the stall at the ‘One world fair’ in Wells on Saturday 10th November. £10 paid for the P&P. Unfortunately so far only 1/5 of the order has arrived.

Our account has been changed to a (Lloyds) community account and we will now be charged £4.25 per month for the administration of the the account. We agreed that we have no choice but to pay it.

‘Sum up’ the mobile payment app will need to be downloaded to someones phone for payments at the ‘One World Fair’ on Saturday.

6. Future Activities:

Oxfam One World Fair – Saturday 9th November in Wells Town Hall.

We will have a stall with t-shirts, badges, petition and info.

**Action:** Bea will volunteer on the stall 10am-12pm

Donnie will contact Nina and Paul to see if they are available to help support.

Bevis will help set up with the merchandise the night before and Lee will help to pack down the stall at 4/4.30pm on the Saturday.

Frost Fayre – Glastonbury Saturday 30th November

Our stall will be in the United Reform Church at the top of the High Street., Julia has all the details and has been in contact with them to arrange all this. Julia is awaiting clarification about payment which appears to be £15 for the stall and a further 10% of all proceeds taken?

**Action**: Please contact Julia if you can support this cause by helping on the day.

Carol Singing in December: We are going to raise funds for ‘Medical Aid to Palestine’ hopefully Saturday 21st December outside the Library in Wells.

**Action**: Lee awaiting confirmation from Somerset District Council for the permit. Lee will contact MAP and see if we can have a label for the collection box.

Jacky will let the Mendip Palestinian Action group know about this event and invite their members to join us.

7. Street Festive Market, Saturday 7th December.

**Action**: Nina please let us know if this event is going ahead and how we can support.

10. Any Other Business – None reported

11. Date of next meeting – Monday 2nd December, 7.30pm, The City Arms, Wells