**Mid-Somerset CND AGM Monday 15th April 2024 7.30pm**

Minutes

Present: James, Bevis, Jacky, Julia, Lee, Bea, Donnie, Quinn, Nina, Paul, Helena, Taz

Apologies: None received

Matters arising from previous AGM; None

Officers Reports:

**Secretary**- Julia wrote a comprehensive report for the Mid-Somerset CND and Peace group with a summary of activities throughout the year from January 2023 through to March 2024.

This can be accessed for more details if required.

Comments:

Bevis commented that Julia’s report was important for morale and highlights how much the group has done in the timeframe indicated. The group thanks Julia for her report and for stepping in to be secretary.

Actions:

Julia will send the report to National CND so that they are fully aware of the activities of our group.

James will add this summary report to the Facebook page.

**Treasurer-** Jacky presented the income and expenditure report for the accounts of the group. This is available to read.

The accounts were approved by the members.

Actions:

Jacky will contact the ‘Stop Hinkley’ group that we have sent donations to previously to see what the best course of action may be for the future.

Several members felt that perhaps ‘Stop Sizewell’ may be more appropriate.

**Membership:**

Membership is around the 65 members mark.

Officers:

* James wishes to step down from being chair. It has been agreed that it will become a rolling chair with a different, but nominated, person to chair each meeting. This must be decided at the end of each meeting so that the next chair is fully aware and must take action on any points needing to be ‘actioned’.
* Jacky is happy to continue to be treasurer. Motion passed by vote.
* Bea is happy to be secretary, Julia will arrange a handover to Bea. James suggested that whoever takes the minutes is separate to the secretary; Julia and Bea will liase and decide how best to proceed.
* Bevis volunteered to be Membership officer and vote passed. Bevis and James will do a handover.

Future Activities:

Glastonbury Festival-

Quinn is hoping to improve the CND presence at Glastonbury Festival and he correctly pointed out that historically Glastonbury was a CND festival. This year we have a slightly bigger pitch at the festival (still in Green Futures) with a new tent which it is hoped will encourage people to come in, sit down, engage in discussion and exchanging of information.

The volunteer process (there are 8 spaces for volunteers) will be via completion of a form to make this process more official.

Action: Quinn will be sending the forms out in the near future.

Julia asked could photos be taken and shared with the group, Quinn advised that he will also be making a video to share which can be sent out to raise presence and profile.

Sidcot Festival of Peace-

Donnie has not been able to glean any further information but if she does have an email from them she will let us know.

Hiroshima Exhibition

Bevis asked for some volunteers to help with erecting the CND exhibition to be part of the Peace Doves art installation in Wells Cathedral, on the 1st May at 3pm.

**Actions arising:**

* Lee offered to help put it up.
* Nina, Paul and James offered to help take it down after the event has taken place (sometime later in May?)

Tolpuddle Festival-

Bevis reported that it is all booked and going ahead as planned.

August Hiroshima commemoration-

August 3rd 2024 for the Hiroshima Marquee is all confirmed as planned.

Action: Will need at least 4 people to assist in putting the marquee up and taking it down.

James, Lee & Julia offered to help with this.

‘One World Fair’- Saturday 9 November in Wells Town Hall.

Donnie has confirmed our attendance at the ‘One World Fair’ in Wells, taking place in November. Details will follow in due course.

‘Ceasefire Vigil’

The next ceasefire vigil for Gaza will take place on Saturday 27th April 2024.

Action: Donnie will contact the other groups involved to see if there is support for this.

A.O.B

Donnie pointed out that the eminent physicist Peter Higgs (who sadly died recently) was a member of CND.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 13th May 2024 7.30pm at ‘The City Arms’ pub in Wells.

Actions: Donnie offered to chair the meeting on May 13th.