**Minutes Mid Somerset CND & Peace Group planning meeting**

**Monday 8th July 2024 @ Wells City Arms**

1. Present
Lee (Chair), Bevis (minutes), Uptal, Paul, Nina, Rex, Donnie, Jacky
2. Apologies
Bea, Helena, Quinn
3. Matters arising
	1. **Gaza Vigil.**
	Organized by Amnesty this time since our members were unable to attend. Only 7 people supported it and the consensus was that it had lost its impetus. Agreed to review at the September meeting.
	2. The **exhibition at the Cathedral** has been taken down – thanks to all who helped. Agreed it had been a success and was well received bar the single individual who had vandalized the comments book. The book had been replaced and had recorded several positive comments.
	3. **Glastonbury Festival**Nina proposed a vote of thanks to Quinn for all his hard work without which our input would not have been possible. Unanimously agreed. Generally, it was slightly quieter than previous years possibly due to the weather. The new stall worked well and the roll up banners were read and photographed by many. Lee thought the “Drone Show” was very good and it was great to see a large CND symbol hovering over the festival site. Bevis queried how many knew what it stood for. National CND presence was extensive but they did minimum campaigning compared to Greenpeace and Water Aid. Quinn’s proposal to have a meeting next December to plan our involvement next year was welcomed.
4. Financial Report
	1. Healthy bank balance
	2. Jacky will bill he festival for £500 for our contribution
	3. Agreed to donate £500 to National CND for their London Tube campaign. To ask where the adverts will be placed and possibly a photo of them.
5. Membership
	1. Three new members – all local
	2. The revised database seems to be working
	3. Current national membership list within our local postcodes received.
	4. Agreed that all local postcode member who get our minutes should also get notification of immediate future activities by email.
6. Future Activities
	1. **Tolpuddle Festival 19th -21st July**All booked, cost £239 for outside stall and two volunteer passes. Nina proposed and it was agreed that camping cost should also be covered. Bevis reported that he and Jacky would set up on the Friday and cover Saturday and Sunday. Others were very welcome to attend especially for the rally on the Sunday which was free. **Bevis to contact James** to see if he also wanted to attend.
	2. **Hiroshima exhibition on Cathedral Green Saturday 3rd August**Julia has been in touch with the Cathedral and is drawing up a Rota. Bevis stressed there need to be at least 4 people to help erect the Marquee and exhibition. Lee volunteered himself and his son Joe. Assemble on Cathedral green at 9.30am.
	**ACTION Lee, Joe, Bevis, Jacky, Julia and Donnie**
	3. **Hiroshima Candle Float Tuseday 6th August 8.30-9.30pm.
	Donnie to contact Val re the paper boats, Julia to bring lanterns. Nina to invite Mayors of Wells, Street and Glastonbury and our new MP Tessa Munt.**
	4. **Strode College Thursday 5th September 9.00am**Donnie to organize – requires 2-3 to run the stall.
	5. **Harry Patch UN International day of Peace September 21st**Nina to invite Tessa Munt to lay the wreath
	6. **Oxfam One World Fair Saturday November 9th**On again this year – agreed to take a stall cost £35
7. **AOB**Donnie reported that Wells Pride Day was on August 3rd at the same time as Hiroshima on the green, also they didn’t seem to have any stalls as was first thought.
8. **Date of next meeting**

**Monday 2nd September Wells City Arms 7.30pm.**