**Amnesty Cirencester Group**

**Notes of meeting held on 2nd September 2013**

**Present:** Valerie Hindson, Virginia Nicholls, Chris Stevens, Jean Whorwell

**Apologies:** Claire Morris, Bee Maidlow, Ros Topley, Mira Marvan, Marina Bielenky

**Minutes from 1st July**

No minutes were available for the July meeting.

**Programme**

It was agreed that due to recent poor attendance we should not try and organise any further events or meetings before the AGM. The meetings already organised are:

**October** –no meeting, Quiz night 11th October

**November** – business meeting

**December** – card writing

**February** – Trevor Trueman, Ethiopia and AGM?

**Flag Day**

It was agreed to cancel flag day on 21st September - Chris Stevens is no longer available to help due to a family commitment, and we do not have enough people to collect.

**Monthly Mailing**

This was not available as Ros not present.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The balance is £1073

Val gave Chris a cheque for £82 from August book sales.

We agreed to send £500 to AI UK. Chris to send

We have not paid for the advert for address labels recently and income has been low. Chris to find out how frequently the Amnesty magazine is now published and make sure the advert is in the next one.

**Highworth URC Church**

Highworth URC Church have expressed an interest in holding a meeting to explain and publicise the work of Amnesty and seeking advice on finding a speaker. They might combine with card writing.

Val to respond finding our more about what they want andletting them know that we are small in number but offering our support.

Chris to find out if AI have a speakers pack.

**Free Tibet request for Support**

The Free Tibet have asked us to support their campaign against International hotels who are building a luxury hotel in Tibet. It was agreed that we would not support as a group, but leave it to individuals.

**Campaigns**

No updates.

**Events**

11th October 2013 – Quiz at Organic Farm Shop

Dave Smethurst and Andy Hindson are helping Val write the quiz.

Sarah Beadsmoore is organising the food.

Val requested help publicising, encouraging friends to come and help on the day from 4.30pm. As there is no meeting before then, Val will coordinate help by email.

**AOB**

None

**The meeting closed at 8.00pm**