Amnesty Cirencester Group

Meeting following the AGM 4th February 2013

**Present** : Ros Topley, Val Hindson. Marina Bielenky, Mira Marvan, Bee Maidlow, Virginia Nicholas, Jean Whorwell Nikki Rawson, Chris Stevens

**Apologies:** Clare Morris

**Minutes of the meeting held 7th January 2013**

Were signed as a correct record.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes**
   1. most of this meeting was concerned with discussion about this group.
   2. Amnesty EGM Ros had circulated voting results on the resolutions put to the EGM, there are conflicts between voting results, and Ros will update the group when she has more information.
2. **Secretaries report** 
   1. AIUK are holding a ‘skills day’ on 9th March on Womens’ Rights in Afghanistan. Nicky will go and the group will pay her costs and Jean may also go.
   2. The regional conference will be held this coming weekend in Salisbury, Ros will attend and feed back to the group.
   3. AIUK AGM will be held at Warwick University on 13/14th April, There is a female Afghan speaker. Bee and Niki will go, the group will fund one place, which Bee and Nikki will share, paying half each., Val will probably go when the agenda is known and will be self funding.
3. **Treasurers report**

As for the AGM

1. **Campaign Update** 
   1. Arms trade treaty – a postcard was circulated to send to MPs
   2. A reply to a letter had been received from the PM’s office.
   3. Marina had written to the MP about refugees and received a reply.
   4. Ros said campaigns in the coming year will focus on women’s rights in Afghanistan, Zimbabwe, India project and IAR/HRD Country work. The group’s prisoner of conscience is Johan Teterissa.
2. **Events in the coming year** 
   1. Bee will take responsibility for producing and co-ordinating the programme for the year, including reminding those who have offered to organise events and checking progress of actions.
   2. The remainder of the meeting was on the programme for the year, which Bee will produce.
3. The meeting closed at 9.15pm.
4. The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th March.l