Truro and District Amnesty International Group
Minutes of meeting held on 12th October 2022, at Moresk Centre and online

1. Present: Chris Ramsey, Evie Townend. Online: Paul Kelly, Hetty Tye, Georgie Wong, Shirley Sweeney, Jessica McGarty
2. Apologies: Karen Cooper, Margaret George, Wailim Wong, Carole Liesse.
3. Minutes of meeting held on 14 September, matters arising: National Conference now fully booked but people can register to watch online.
4. Correspondence and Monthly Updates for groups: Chris had distributed the monthly groups action email earlier on in the day.
5. Treasurer’s Report: Karen reported that we have £598.83.
6. Regional campaigns:

6.1 North Africa: Hetty highlighted the case of imprisoned joint nationality status (Egyptian/British) Alla Abdelfattah and encouraged everyone to send the action letters that had been circulated in advance of COP27 at the end of the month. She reminded us about the talk that Beverley Foulkes-Jones and Joe Dunford are giving us at the next meeting on 9 November. Chris agreed to inform the other local groups and Cherry Bird, the Regional Rep.

6.2 Central America: Georgie had not received a newsletter since the last meeting so there was little to report other than a brief update concerning the 43 disappeared students in Mexico.

6.3 IOPT: Chris pointed out that he had circulated the most recent IOPT newsletter and associated actions with the agenda. He reminded everyone about the forthcoming Zoom meeting on 1 November with Eid Suleiman a resident of Masafer Yatta on the West Bank who will talk about the problems Palestinian’s continue to face as the Israelis seek to force them out of their homes. The event is now on Eventbrite and is being promoted by AIUK. He will circulate the Zoom link to Truro members together with more information about Eid.

6.4 Former Soviet Union: as usual, urgent actions arrive between meetings and have been circulated.

1. Death Penalty: Chris to ask Wailim if he has circulated the newsletter he referred to at the last meeting
2. Forward planning:

1. Write for Rights: The 2022 campaign begins on 1 November. All the materials have been ordered. Chris read through the list of cases that have been chosen.
2. **Xmas Stalls in Truro**: We have stalls booked for the 26th Nov and 10th December. Georgie will try to find out when the Mayor’s charity marquee will be held this Christmas. Margaret and Georgie will be ordering the AI Christmas cards.

9. AOB: Paul pointed out that a series of films by Adam Curtis on the developments in Russia since the collapse of the Soviet Union has just been released on BBC iPlayer

10. Next meetings:

**Tuesday 1 November, 6pm Zoom meeting with Eid Suleiman**

**Zoom link:**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99330536504?pwd=V0JOUEdjU0NBRFZJa2xvUGpsOXMydz09>

Meeting ID: 993 3053 6504

Passcode: 197225,

**Wednesday 9 November, 7.00pm at the** **Moresk Centre, St Clement Street/Kemp Close, Truro TR1 1EF and also via Zoom**.