Truro and District Amnesty International Group

Minutes of meeting held on 8th Feb 2023

1. Present: Present: Chris Ramsey, Margaret George, Hetty Tye, Georgie Wong, Isabel Adams, Molly Kaufman, Karen Cooper, Evie Ames, Chris Hatfield.
2. Apologies: Carole Liesse, Wailim Wong, Jessica McGurty.
3. AGM; the AGM was held at this point. Minuted separately.
4. Minutes of meeting held on11th Jan, matters arising: none
5. Correspondence and Monthly Updates for groups: Margaret had distributed the monthly groups action email.
6. Treasurer’s Report: Karen reported that we have £598.15 in the account. Of this, £75 has to be paid as our affiliation fee, and we are to send £250 to HQ, as agreed at the last meeting.
7. Regional campaigns:

North Africa: Hetty had circulated the newsletter. She spoke about the lack of news about Alaa, imprisoned in Egypt. Margaret had heard a news report that his lawyer had been to see him and his health is improving. A vigil held at the Egyptian embassy had been met by another group supporting Al-Sisi, who drowned out the speeches and accused the demonstrators of being terrorists.

Mexico and Central America: Chris mentioned that we would be having a speaker in March who is country coordinator for Nicaragua and Guatemala.

IOPT and Lebanon: Chris had circulated the newsletter. He mentioned an action on behalf of Mordechai Vanunu.

Former Soviet Union: an action had been circulated.

Death Penalty: no report as Wailim was unable to be present.

1. Forward planning:
2. At the next meeting we shall have a talk on Nicaragua and Guatemala. The meeting will be open to other groups.
3. Chris is organising a webinar on IOPT, at 6pm on 14th March.
4. Georgie has booked street collections for 15th April (Truro) and 3rd June (Falmouth).
5. SW Regional Conference is on 25th March in Exeter. Supporters are urged to sign up to attend.
6. Next meeting: **Wed, 8th March, 7.00pm** at the **Moresk Centre, St Clement Street/Kemp Close, Truro** **TR1 1EF** **and also via zoom**.