Truro and District Amnesty International Group

Minutes of meeting held on 10th May 2023

1. Present: Present: Chris Ramsey, Margaret George, Hetty Tye, Georgie Wong, Wailim Wong, Angus McDonald. Izzy Adams.
2. Apologies: Karen Cooper, Carole Liesse.
3. Minutes of meeting held on 12th April, matters arising: Izzy said that she had signed up to the feminism group.
4. Correspondence and Monthly Updates for groups: Margaret had distributed the monthly groups action email. Chris reported that there are 2 online events coming up: on Tuesday 16th a session for activists to discuss future projects for AIUK, On 15th May the Sutton group are organising a meeting on Iran, and on 18th Mayan online meeting with Ide Soliman. Details of these to go out by email.
5. Treasurer’s Report: Karen reported that we have £414.14 in the account. A total of £121.69 was collected in Falmouth on 15th April. Chris proposed the purchase of a card reader and had sought advice about the best one to get. It was agreed that he should go ahead with the purchase or one from ‘Sum up’ which will cost £98.80 plus a transaction fee of 1.69%
6. Regional campaigns:

North Africa: Hetty had shared an action for Alaa which was a letter to al-Sisi. Chris had written to MP Cherilyn McCrory about Alaa’s case had had received a detailed reply rather that the usual automated one. Chris reported that Mohamed Baker is still in prison. His wife, Neama Hisham was released, but her twitter account has disappeared.

Mexico and Central America: Georgie had circulated the newsletter. She had received a letter from Mexico in Spanish about the commission of enquiry which is ongoing about the disappearance of the 43 students. The letter was translated for us by Angus.

IOPT and Lebanon: Chris had circulated the newsletter, which among other things included a discussion on definitions of anti-semitism.. He had brought a letter to sign on behalf of Mohamed al-Halabi who worked for World Vision and has been sentenced to 12 years in prison. His appeal is coming up.

Former Soviet Union: an action had been circulated.

Death Penalty: Wailim had not received any recent newslatter. He reported that while an increasing number of countries had abolished the death penalty those that had not (eg China, Iran, the US) account for large numbers of deaths.

1. Forward planning:
2. Street collections on 3rd June (Truro). We discussed where to set up the stall. Chris will investigate if it is possible to have it on the Piazza. Times will be 9.30 to 1.00 or 1.30. See above point 3 re card reader.
3. The AIUK AGM will be on 24th June.
4. It was agreed to apply to have a bookstall in Truro on 9th September. Georgie will look into this.
5. AOB. Christine had asked if any action was planned about the barge currently being refitted in Falmouth to house asylum seekers. Margaret agreed to ask Glynn Winchester (Falmouth refugee group) if she knew of anything planned.
6. Next meeting: **Wed 14th June, 7.00pm** at the **Moresk Centre, St Clement Street/Kemp Close, Truro** **TR1 1EF** **and also via teams**.