**SOLIHULL AMNESTY GROUP**

**Minutes of meeting on Monday 16 June 2014**

Present: Celia, Janet, Cathy, David

Apologies: Pauline, Bernard, Ruth, Andrew

Minutes & Actions: May minutes accepted.

* Celia is in contact with Halesowen Welcome Group. They are happy to provide a speaker about asylum issues, date to be confirmed. ACTION CELIA
* Ruth will bring ideas for a ‘card’ to publicise our group to next meeting. ACTION RUTH
* Anna has sent £600 to AI headquarters. We now have a bank balance of about £600.

Future Events

* Cathy will attend ‘Torture’ event organised by Bournville group on 19th June and report back.
* AMNESTEA in Celia’s garden fixed for 17 August. She will do fliers for next meeting. ACTION CELIA
* We should be able to run a stall in ‘Fun in the Park’ on Sunday 17th September.

ACTION CELIA to CONFIRM AVAILABILITY OF GAZEBO WITH DAVID

Secretary’s Items

* Action cards re case of Mahdi Abu Dheeb, former president of Bahrain Teachers’ Association who has been imprisoned, were distributed.
* Information given out re Global Day of Action to Stop Torture on 26th June.
* Final section of Group Planning Pack completed. For the present the only region which we will focus on will be South East Asia.

Monthly Action

Photographs were taken of each of us holding up a sign saying ‘Love football, love human rights’. These will be emailed to AI Brazil to show our support tor their work highlighting the human rights abuses which have taken place during the period leading up to the World Cup.

Campaign Update: Johan Teterissa

Celia will ask Paul Hainsworth to send all further instructions and information to Janet. She will ask for guidance about who we should write to after the presidential election in July.

Consultation Exercise

Cathy led discussion re 2nd section of consultation questionnaire. We have indicated what we think to be the most important concerns for A! during the next few years. We agreed that campaigning against torture should continue to be high on their agenda.

Letter Writing Session

Two of us wrote a letter to the local papers concerning the Global Day of Action Against Torture on 26th May.

Two of us wrote a letter to the Governor of Rio urging him to take action re Brazilian police who have killed one protester during a recent demonstration.

Date of next meeting: Monday 21st July

Topic for 2nd part of meeting: Resources for Fun in the Park stand.

Tea etc: David Minutes: Ruth