**Minutes of Meeting on 15th April 2013**

Present: Alan, Wendy, Ben, Jackie, Hai Ying, Iolanda, Alex, Louise, Precious, Laura and John.

1. Apologies: Mike, Val, Angharad, Daoud and Peter
2. Minutes & Matters Arising
   * Jennifer Jaynes will attend the June meeting (17th June)
   * Alan and Wendy to follow up former member enquiry regarding Amnesty materials
3. Hai Ying – Conference
   * Attended workshops on Arms Trade Treaty and Amnesty Today + Tomorrow.
   * Arms Trade Treaty has been negotiated and is currently entering the ratification stage.
   * Hai Ying to give full report at May meeting – to circulate information via email beforehand.
4. North Africa
   * Wendy read case history of Azza Hilal Ahmad Sulieman.
   * Action carried out by group – wrote letters in support of her cause.
   * Agreed to have an “idea shower” regarding how we could support this cause at the next meeting in May.
   * Laura to email around an urgent action that Wendy received from Ann Marcus for members to complete.
   * Wendy to take letters to the Post Office.
5. Zimbabwe
   * Amnesty website still features writing to South African Development Community to influence the situation in Zimbabwe.
   * Precious reports that the election has not been officially set for June.
   * Alan to write a letter to Stephen Mosley MP and Ian Lucas MP to ask about government’s position regarding this.
   * Discussed inviting a trainer to deliver a workshop regarding Zimbabwe – Laura to make contact.
6. Death Penalty
   * No further news via Reprieve regarding Linda Cartey and Joshua French.
   * Amnesty Death Penalty report discussed.
7. Roma Rights
   * Those present signed a petition regarding these.
8. Money Matters
   * It was unanimously agreed by those present that a bank account was necessary in order to appropriately store the group’s money.
   * It was also agreed that the signatories should be Treasurer and Chair.
   * Members’ subs were collected – reminder to bring these to May meeting if you have not yet paid.
   * Bag pack – Laura has been given dates by Morrisons at the Bache – these are to be circulated and it is requested that people respond with dates that they cannot make ASAP.
   * Hai Ying to pursue Tescos.
   * King’s School raised £401 from their collection for the group at The Crucible.
   * Agreed that reviews of group donations to Amnesty UK to take place in March and September of each year.
   * Community choir to do a concert – Hai Ying and Iolanda to pursue this with the choir. Agreed that a collection at one of their concerts would be best.
9. Concert 30/6/2013
   * Refreshments to be served by members.
   * Voluntary donations to AIUK for tickets/admittance.
   * Members to try and bring 5 people each.
10. Constitution
    * Available electronically via email – email any thoughts to Alan for discussion at the next meeting.
    * May meeting to be designated as the AGM – adopt the constitution.
    * Alex to hand current copy to the bank.
11. Future Meetings
    * 20th May – Hai Ying to report on AGM; Peter on World Development Forum.
    * 17th June – Jennifer Jaynes to attend.
    * 15th July.
    * Venue for next meeting on 20th May – Watergate Inn, Chester 7:45pm.