**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.