Minutes of AI Meeting Monday July 15th 2013

Present: Richard, Jackie, Ben, Laura, John, Alex, Alan and Wendy, Anne Walker (trainer from Manchester group)

Apologies: Peter, Val, Hai Ying, Precious, Louise

Minutes and matters arising:

Thanks were expressed to Alex and his Guitar Orchestra for a very enjoyable and successful concert which raised £245 for our group.

Subscriptions are overdue if they have not been paid. Please pay Alex.

North Africa

An email had been received from Ann Marcus the North Africa coordinator suggesting that we suspend any actions on behalf of Azza Suleiman “in view of the current situation in Egypt”

AI Report 2013

Summary reports of the AI Report on the State of the World’s Human Rights were circulated.

Bag Pack

The Bag pack at Morrison’s near the Hospital in Chester is taking place between 12.30 and 2.30pm on Sunday 1st September.

Jackie will bring buckets and Alan will bring AI tabards. Anyone who can come even for a short time will be most welcome.

North West Conference

This is taking place in Manchester on Saturday November 16th. Please put your name forward if you wish to go.

Social

Hai Ying has offered to lead a walk round Erddig near Wrexham and then have a Barbecue back at her house. The proposed dates are August 24th or 31st. Please let hai Ying or Laura know if you wish to go.

The next meeting will be on September 16th at the Watergate pub in Chester.

Zimbabwe Workshop

Anne Walker led a workshop on Zimbabwe and in particular on the forthcoming elections and the persecution of Human Rights Defence Groups.