



## **Aylesbury Amnesty International Group**

**Annual General Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014 7.30pm**

**Friends Meeting House, 9 Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury, HP20 2RT**

### **Present:**

Carol Tarrant  
Bob Corn  
Katherine Danflous

David Barnard  
Gwyn Jenkins  
Jim Cobley

**Apologies:** Bronwen Lee, Jim Edwards, Frances Booth, Annelies Varsey

**Carol apologised for her and Bob's late arrival, and welcomed everyone to the meeting, speaking of the Amnesty International Stop Torture Campaign – there is a Skills Share Day planned at the Human Rights Action Centre on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014, and a Demonstration outside the Mexican Embassy in London on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014. She noted also that the Virunga National Park in the DRC has been relieved of the Oil Prospecting which had been proposed by an Oil Exploration Company.**

**1.0 Previous Minutes** – Agreed

### **2.0 Last Meeting Outcomes:**

- 2.1 Strategic Goals:** David and Jim Edwards had considered this document, and although AIUK Consultation has now formally closed, Carol will send in our Group's comments. Bob reported that Phase 2 of the Consultation will continue through August and October 2014 – he will circulate the Phase 1 Draft, and the Consultation Programme for Phase 2 and 3.
- 2.2 Aylesbury Group Membership and the Group's Future Health:** Carol outlined her concerns that we are relying too heavily on too few people in maintaining our aims as an Amnesty International Group; we have a valuable core membership of 12 members (although we circulate email information to around 60), not all of whom attend all meetings – indeed, some (with the Group's support) are taking a much needed rest for the moment. It was resolved that we should let all of our circulation list know of our concerns, and that we need additional support and energy. There was discussion around the July Picnic, at which Kate Allen, Director of AIUK, will join us – invitations should be perhaps extended to a broader group than the core membership.

### **3.0 Year Plan:**

- 3.1 Planning Pack:** The response form contained in the Planning Pack was completed, using the May Meeting decisions as the basis for our forward Campaign Work and Activism - Carol to send the completed form to AIUK. Bob had contacted Laura Trevelyan, AIUK Advocacy Coordinator, suggesting that she speak at our September Meeting – he will follow this up (NOTE – Laura has later confirmed that she is able to attend).
- 3.2 Local Groups Guide:** Bob tabled the current Guide, which he thought would be beneficial to all as a 'refresher' – he will send this to the membership, with the Invitation and Details of the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014 'Stop Torture' Skills Share Day.
- 3.3 Future Activism:** Members to consider how we should pace, use and respond to campaign work and activism in as enjoyable a way as possible – given the sometimes quite horrendous subject matter of our work!

### **4.0 July Picnic:**

- 4.1** This will be held in Jim Edward's Garden as last year – it being such a lovely space – the Group giving telephoned thanks to Jim! As mentioned above, Kate Allen will be joining us – could we invite more than the core membership? Carol will communicate by email as to the food and drink contributions to be brought along by members – Jim

Cobley confirming that he will be very happy to bring along something, provided that his move to Manchester will allow!

#### **5.0 Any Other Business:**

- 5.1 **Mexican Embassy Demonstration:** No one is able to attend this demonstration, although everyone gave 'spiritual' support.
- 5.2 **West Papuan Report 2014:** Carol will circulate this document to everyone – she having recently received it from the West Papuan Advocacy Team.
- 5.3 **Tajul Muluk and the displaced Sampang Community:** Carol referred to this case in East Java – information received from Paul Hainsworth, Country Coordinator – although there was a request for a 'Twitter' campaign in early June; she will pin up the information on the Group Notice Board.

**6.0 NEXT MEETING: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014** at 7.30pm, Summer Picnic – Jim Edwards' Garden

Bob Corn, Minutes Secretary,  
26<sup>th</sup> June 2014