Left Unity Executive Committee – Minutes 21st May 2016

Attendance: Kate, Len, Jon, Alice, Bob, Terry, Joseph, graham, Janet, Sharon, Darren, Bianca, Felicity

Apologies: Andrew, Olly, Eve, Steve, Richard, Nick, Kath, Doug, Ann

1. Minutes of NC
   1. Page 2 Proposals
      1. 1-4 have been enacted
      2. 5 FAQs needs someone to draft it
      3. 6 on EC agenda
   2. Housing – update to go into leaflet which will be ready before the housing demo on June 18th.
   3. Trident – now into second phase of consultation which ends on June 8th.
   4. Health – proposal from Bob F on establishing a working group on social care not in the minutes.
   5. Trade Unions – need update from Oliver about June 7th Trade Councils meeting.
   6. Rosa Luxemburg Forum have cancelled the proposed meeting on June 11th and looking to event possibly in Autumn with Left Unity.
   7. Solidarity statement – check with Martin.
2. Assessment of May Elections – Terry introduced
   1. Proposals:
      1. Step up work around fracking;
      2. Support NUS president;
      3. Need to clearly link austerity and exploitation.
      4. Need to consider how to appeal to young people.
      5. June EC to examine the relationship between the local and national elections and establish the outlines of the National Conference in October.
      6. Contact People before Profit in the 6 Counties.
      7. Need to organise a discussion on devolution.
      8. Need to respond to White Paper on Higher Education.
   2. All proposals accepted.
3. Referendum Campaign – Joseph and Felicity introduced.
   1. New leaflet being produced.
   2. Proposals:
      1. Circulate information about Another Europe is Possible speaking tour and encourage members to attend.
      2. Contact Plan B about their meetings on referendum.
      3. Encourage LU branches to hold public meetings on outcome of referendum.
      4. Circulate TTIP article.
      5. LU to promote Bill of Rights.
      6. Increase coverage of workers struggles across Europe.
      7. Put Lens FAQs onto website.
   3. All proposals accepted unanimously.
4. International.
   1. Latin America – introduced by Kate.
      1. Agreed to increase solidarity with struggles in Latin America and increase coverage on website.
   2. European Left – Len reported and proposals in his document accepted.
5. Media – Bianca reported.
   1. Agreed to build up bank of video blogs and a bank of photographs of our work locally and nationally.
6. Membership – Richard allocating members to branch areas.
7. Finance – Alice reported.
8. Ken’s Film - Felicity reported and proposed that there should be a LU presence at the screenings and we need a leaflet, with a membership form, for these screenings.
   1. Agreed to have an interview with Ken for the website.
9. Sister Party Meetings.
   1. Awami Workers Party meetings, 3rd and 5th June.
      1. Sharon to organise a representative to attend meeting in Birmingham on 5th June.
   2. Bloco meeting in Portugal 24 – 26th June – Terry to attend.
   3. French CP 1 – 4th June – Bianca to attend.
   4. European Left Meeting Alternatives to NATO 2 – 3rd June – Jon to attend.
10. Dates of next meetings
    1. EC – 18th June London
    2. NC 16th July Birmingham.