



# Minutes: European Campaign Committee of OGP

## 15.1.2017

Attending: Halima Brewer, Cheryl Briggs, Hazel & Steve Dawe

- 1. Discussion: what else can we do about Brexit now?** There was a hard-headed discussion about the current state of Brexit. It was recognised that much depended on additional actions in courts, which could influence the process. The other significant factor is the behaviour of Labour in Parliament, inspired by fear of UKIP not unlike that which has moved the Conservative further right. Without a backbone in the Labour parliamentary party, a damaging hard Brexit is more likely and the likelihood of Scottish independence which undermines Labour's road back into Government, making their stance even more short-sighted than usual. Recognise the value of meetings/events/petitions to MPs to keep up the pressure, but the behaviour of courts/Labour MPs is critical to the shape of the Brexit process and its results.
- 2. Hate crime training:** Hazel had established that this is only offered to Councils/councillors/council officers so this cannot be pursued further for our members etc.
- 3. Website update etc.** OGP website materials now updated. Hazel to speak at a London Rally at invitation Oxfordshire for Europe/ agreed to publicise Molly Scott Cato's 10 Green guarantees about the EU-Brexit process.
- 4. Canvassing suggestions:** Some discussion about the appropriateness of this. Needs to be lead by voter interest. Clear that Corbyn's 3 line whip approach to Brexit votes has gone down badly with Labour supporters & members, from canvassing. To emphasise: we believe the public should have a vote on the eventual deal – although some scepticism about the efficacy of any national referenda after the 23/6 experience.
- 5. Liaison with other groups:** We are in regular contact with the local European Movt., both HD and SD are members of EM, and periodic contact with Oxfordshire for Europe. Ctte will continue to publicise the outward facing activities of these two groups to members & others when they are known.
- 6. Policyfest 10/6:** national party policy coordinators conference coming to Oxford 10/6 at West Oxfordshire Community Centre. Likely times 10.00 to 4pm. Primary topic: future Green Party European policy – and secondary topic, revision of national Transport policy. Workshops on both of these during the day.
- 7. AOB – none.**
- 8. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7-9pm 53 Bulan Road, Oxford OX3 7HU. Contact [hazeldawe5@gmail.com](mailto:hazeldawe5@gmail.com) for agenda in advance.