

Meeting of 4 the Common Good at Rookhow

Saturday 10th June 2017

Issues:	Action:
<p>OUR PURPOSE Lucy focused our discussion by asking following questions: summary of these and answers below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are we trying to achieve? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) To prompt national consciousness b) To share principles c) To challenge govt 's narrative about austerity, cuts and scroungers etc d) To inform people of alternative ways to manage the economy. e) To show society that Quakers act on issues of social justice and to raise our profile in these matters: give witness to concerns partly as a form of outreach. 2. Who are we trying to achieve it with? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Within the Society of Friends – to unite us in action. b) Those who share our values. c) Those who appear not to share our values. 	<p>Need famous/well known on board – to all think about who.</p> <p>Judi Dench? Do Friends House have a link? But need younger people too? Tim talk to Maya about this 6th July</p> <p>Quaker economics expert Richard Murphy, advisor to Jeremy Corbyn – need him speaking to public not just other experts – I try to contact</p> <p>Sally or Tim find out how 1987 YM statement in Quaker Faith and Practice was used- was it sent to someone rather than just published in QFP?</p> <p>Tim- Hay festival Website – panel of 3 Quakers names. Labour MPs approached but reluctant to get involved with Quaker activities. Tim asked for name eg. Ruth Cadbury and writer of Soil and Soul. No mention of Richard Murphy. Maya will look into 1987 statement. Message needs to be clearer. Sound bite. Pass by Maya. Route Barrow Crusade Communications through clerks monthly meeting. Communications officer Anne Steveren Use YM to listen to others' responses. Woodbrooke to thresh out ideas. Or here. Sophie ask to facilitate. Pledge – get Quakers to approach MPs re this. AM map. Ask Wendy, vibrancy worker, get involved. Could use vibrancy workers as network. Internet box – use Lumio to keep in touch with meetings. Meeting for Sufferings rep Pam Coren and Chris Bullard meet with asap. Copy Maya into notes and Wendy (ask Jo or Wendy for email) – SI Focus on what consider success – publicity.</p>

	<p>NW Action Group session in BYM – talk for 5 mins. Check with Maya if have to book. Can keep using Quaker logo aslong as meet with AM. Sheila Hancock let Queen in. Patrick Gayle – ask Ann Bellingham Geoffrey Durham – at Maya’s meeting. Magician.</p>
<p>ROLE OF AM We acknowledged that originally a focus was to gain the support of AM for the concern but we now feel we have support of AM to take action and also that Friends’ House supportive.</p>	
<p>CURRENT ACTION LINKED WITH ELECTION: Pre-election Sally contacted all electoral candidates in England, all 353 constituencies through use of 38 degrees site; so far received about 500 pledges to our principles. Discussed how to use – possibly send as declaration (M Fell style 1660) to queen (echoing M Fell letter to Charles II) expressing concerns but only of use if get publicity</p>	<p>Sally to record names of those 500ish who pledged to principles – perhaps on scroll. Sally to look at M Fell declaration and draft something which mirrors it and incorporates principles. Also to research how hand to queen or government. Perhaps in parliamentary lobby. An after -thought – dress in 17th century Quaker clothes to get publicity.</p>
<p>NEXT STEPS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Article for Friend needed on pilgrimage 2. Tim meeting Maya at Friends’ House on 6th July. 3. Yearly Meeting <p>a) Stall on Tuesday and Wednesday (NOT) first week of August – need AM minute to secure.</p> <p>b) Display needed</p> <p>c) Pledges to principles from electoral candidates to be on display</p> <p>d) National pilgrimage to be publicised and support sought from other meetings.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Article to be written by Andy 2. Tim to ask Maya about communications - how things go out nationally and how to get tweets out beyond Quaker community. 3. Re: Yearly Meeting <p>a) Sally to ask Jo for AM minute approving this and to send to Krishna in order to secure stall DONE</p> <p>b) Sally to ask Caroline Stowe to mount display for Friday 21st July.</p> <p>c) Sally create document with pledges on</p> <p>d) Andy and Richeldis to draft booklet of advice on organising a pilgrimage – route planning to include toilet stops, writing risk assessments, contact with police (note need 4 months notice) etc NOTE: Sally could provide advice on involving press to include Friends’ House advice.</p> <p>e) To consider if going to use word pilgrimage – discuss at next meeting.</p>

<p>NATIONAL "PILGRIMAGE" NEXT EASTER</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When and where? 2. How? Ride rather than walk. Relay from Meeting to Meeting eg. Swarthmore to Lancaster, Lancaster to Preston? 3. Publicity: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Participants' message needs to be higher profile: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Jackets or vests for heat or which can wear over clothes if cool - with message on needed. b) Signs on bikes ii) Media coverage before and during to be considered – importance of humour noted iii) Communications key – power of social media proven in General Election – how to use? iv) At each AM ask for someone to be media contact so not one or two people trying to manage all nationally. iv) What? Noise impt to attract attention – but is in keeping with Friends and silent witness? <p>Accommodation en route – try to get providers of accommodation to be beyond Quakers to draw more in.</p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maundy Thursday focus to coincide with Queen giving charity. Gather outside Buckingham Palace or Number 10? 2. Lucy to look at safe cycle routes eg through Sustrans and at meeting houses en route. See Britain YM website and "Find a Meeting" – alphabetical list. Lucy's email - lucybound@yahoo.co.uk 3.i a) Sally to find out who created welfare t-shirts (Richard? Lancaster Meeting? Met on pilgrimage). And see if would design something linked with principles. To wear before event to attract interest as well as during it. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b) Sticker for cycle helmets Someone look into signs on bikes When cycling panier racks can carry notices Banners Flags - Andy contact who do printing ii) Tim to speak to Maya about. iii) Sally to get advice from 38 degrees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sally to see if electoral candidates would send out info on their networks - Twitter account labelled Quakers4 the Common Good and build up contacts? - Facebook page – Sally to ask Steve about public access - Sally to ask Heather and Duncan for their contact. Possibly meet when in London - Any publicity to build in historical aspect - history of Quakers action on social justice: this interested local media <p>Possibly electoral candidates who pledged support might put request out on their network</p>
<p>BID FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT THIS AUTUMN</p> <p>Need to work out what doing asap then write bid, this time in time</p>	<p>Sally to contact Andrew Smith to check what left in AM pot</p> <p>Bid could fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - access to social media - seek advice/help from Heather and Duncan's friend in media. Heather speak to and if he interested in project or able to advise Sally try to meet 30th June. - cost of jackets/vests - attending other AMs – this drew people in – face to face contact effective

<p>ENGAGING WITH THOSE WHO DON'T SHARE OUR VIEWS</p> <p>Need to engage with those who don't seem to share our views and forge common ground eg. conservative MPs starting with Quaker ones and voters, older generation: appeal to old fashioned caring conservatism NOTE: many conservative leaflets speak of commitment to welfare system and protection of constituents.</p>	<p>Tim ask Maya for names of Quaker conservatives and/or Sally check those who contacted her re pledge.</p> <p>Other possible actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Tea with a Tory idea – to discuss further ii) Look for opportunities in party leaflets to engage with MPs, question, challenge iii) Find apt Adam Smith quotes to use in such meetings – Andy to look into iii) Lady Cavendish possibly a useful link? (She linked with Dent Meditation Centre and Holker Hall – philanthropic) – has a sense of social responsibility - Andy explore link with Lady C <p>Other organisations which may help = “ Build Bridges not Walls” and on website are lists of partner organisations</p>
<p>SHOULD WE BE PREPARING FOR ANOTHER ELECTION?</p> <p>Agreed all work doing aiming to influence this. Indeed “national” pilgrimage could be well timed if next May</p>	
<p>ACTIONS AND PUBLIC ITY</p> <p>– how independent are we able to be as a group if acting in the name of Quakers? We want to know do we need to consult for everything we do? Friends House? AM?</p>	<p>Tim to ask Maya about this in July. Sally to contact Anne Staveren NO don't.</p>

NEXT MEETING: 7th July Friday Pierre's 8pm