

NOTES from 4 the Common Good Meeting Friday 6th October 2017

Latest issues and update on what done:	Action to take:	Done?
<p>1. Grant application finalised and Sally has emailed it to Maya who has acknowledged receipt. Jo Jaffray, as clerk of AM, provided supporting minute and Andrew Smith, as treasurer of AM, the necessary information about the AM accounts.</p>	<p>Sally to check if signed paper copies need sending.</p>	
<p>2. AM meeting minute circulated to group by Sally on 3rd October as requested.</p>		All done.
<p>3. Guidance for "Ride" being drafted by Andy to go on website when ready.</p>	<p>Still being drafted NOTE: Content to be carefully worded to draw in specific interest groups. Need to stress it's a peaceful action and each day will begin and end with silent worship as on pilgrimage. Also mention on guidance that sashes to be available for purchase and/or that participants could write on high vis jackets the strapline – "We can afford to care". Re accidents = give minimal info. Andy seeking guidance off Wendy. Possibly also seek advice on what do if arrests. To ask Wendy/Friends' House. Possibly state on website that not expecting arrests but suggest look at guidance ... and state where can find? We must ensure police informed as for pilgrimage.</p> <p>Those offering accommodation to be asked to contact Steve to go on website. Donations to be asked for during event to support it.. Possibly separate guidance for Meetings???</p>	
<p>4. Website – link on AM website now set up by Steve Timson – click on Home if the tab 4the CommonGood isn't immediately apparent.</p>	<p>Other info to go on website asap - route, accommodation, plans. Sally to coordinate with Steve T Check Wendy's wording for inviting others to join us. Use "You" language – you may want to...</p>	
<p>5. Email contact set up Quakers4theCommonGood@gmail.com and password is Quakers4the CommonGood2017</p>	<p>Sally to check t's working. Website has different email on it. Sally to ask Steve to change it.</p>	

<p>6. Declaration – Tim and Jenny Pearman – first draft attempted and felt to be in the right spirit.</p>	<p>Tim to meet with Jenny again and 2nd draft of Declaration to be circulated to us all for comment. NOTE: Phrases to include – Not in our Name, false ideology today of false religion, idea of destruction to further explore. Andy referred to Irish Easter Uprising and relevance of it being at Easter. Criticism to be geared at govt policy. Language also to be accessible and to draw on children’s Not in our Name declarations and also be in tune with 5 testimonies. New Declarn to reflect M. Fell’s structure – she moves from being critical to benefits for others of making peace with Quakers. Cathy to send ideas for final conclusion. Not necessarily need a vision – something precise but suggesting a commitment to formulating a new world which is built on particular principles. Declaration to be completed by end of October – pass it through AM – Richeldis proof read. Jenny to pass it by established Quakers beforehand. Sally alert Jo to wanting it to be circulated before AM.</p> <p>Question of what to be written on posed. A scroll? To check what M. Fell’s Declaration on. NOTE: We know of a calligrapher who will write it out.</p>	
<p>7. London and where present Declaration. Tim has spoken to Tim Farron about delivering declaration to Downing Street and Buckingham Palace and when best. Tim F to facilitate. Parliament not in session over our proposed Easter period but can probably hand in to Downing St. - max of 6 people - and to Palace. Will also try to engage MPs and Lords being there if can eg. via network Sally established on email.</p>	<p>Tim and Sally both to pursue in the hope that Tim F can tell us by the next meeting. Looking at whether Friday or a Saturday best. If Easter this would be – Friday 14th April or Saturday 15th April. Saturday would possibly enable more people to take part in London.</p>	
<p>8. Involving other MPs and well known Quakers .</p>	<p>Sally to draft email to go to owner of Big Issue and others for gp to check and to ask Maya re Quaker celebrities. List of Quaker celebrities attached to minutes.</p>	
<p>9. Quaker Activist weekend 14th Oct - Tess is going to this and will seek support for the action.</p>	<p>SI to print leaflets so Tess can give them out at this.</p>	
<p>10. Media strategy – Tim contacted Steve (Herefordshire) who will link website into Green MEP website. Link between Anne Van Staveren and Nicola not yet happened re Facebook page.</p>	<p>Sally still to contact Anne Staveren re Nicola and setting up Facebook page – a strategy for slow build up to event thought best. Put link on Facebook to website. Steve to be linked up with Nicola but not yet done as some concern that Nicola not currently able to do this. Tim or Tess checking.</p> <p>Need to remember we will need media slant – script as before with key points on. To decide who do at a later date.</p>	

<p>11. Route and timing</p>	<p>First draft of route attempted based on initial ideas of Lucy's. Tess to meet with Andy before next meeting to look at and in particular to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) if incorporating meeting houses which may be supportive and of significance b) if accessible to those less physically able. <p>Much discussion about route. Concerns expressed about mileage being too much, possible need to extend time do it in – 2 weeks? 3 weeks? But also concern this too long to sustain.</p> <p>This led to discussion about the date. It was suggested Easter may be the wrong time to do the "ride". Weather and length of time it will take may make this period not the best. Also suggested we need to consult with more people especially likely riders to see when best for them.</p> <p>On the other hand this is what we have been publicising as the time we will be doing it. Concern that if we take too long in considering when we do it, we will lose impetus and support.</p> <p>It became clear that different members of the group's different commitments mean that for some Easter is preferred, for others later – one suggestion was June. Issue unresolved – needs to be first consideration at next meeting.</p> <p>NOTE: When route agreed on need to mention on website that others can create their own route to join the central route at some point. Aiming for a wave of movement from north to south to converge on London.</p>	<p>Pierre has purchased map with cycle route on – avoiding big towns. Need to make contacts with meetings now via AM possibly</p>
<p>12. Sashes and hi vis jackets - wording</p>	<p>Following info to go on website: "Quakers 4 Equality and the Common Good" and "We can afford to care to be strap lines". Still to do.</p>	
<p>13. Meeting for Sufferings Minute – sent by AM but probably won't come up at this M for S, hopefully in December.</p>	<p>Some of group to meet with Pam Coren and Chris Bullard before this so feel briefed. Sally has emailed Pam and Chris about this. Missed this month's briefing meeting. Need to find out when one for December is.</p>	
<p>14. London at end of "Ride"</p>	<p>Still to explore if accommodation available at Friends' House once have established dates.</p>	.

NEXT MEETING Friday 20th October – 8 pm - initially decided at Cathy and Pierre's, Kendal but may be at Brigflatts – Sally contacting those usually involved to check which.