

## Notes from the 4 the Common Good Meeting Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

Venue: Hilary and Don Southall's in Kendal at 2, Kentrigg Walk off Burneside Road.

Present: Andy Weller, Sue Tyldesley, Hilary Southall, Tess Satchell, Jenny Pearman, Tim Nicholls, Sally Ingham, Chris Bullard (Sorry if missed anyone out)

To also copy in all who have been involved (to include Jane Pearson and Robert Straughton)

Key issues raised:	Decisions made:	Follow-up actions:
<p>1. Declaration and evidence supporting it</p>	<p>Confirmed that audience for Declaration to be the Government (presenting at 10, Downing Street on parchment/vellum) and Friends via Meeting for Sufferings and website.            General approval of documents – poetic – in the style of Margaret Fell - and moving.            Thanks to Tim and Jenny for the time spent and close attention to detail.            Some discussion about possible minor changes: eg. inclusion of phrase –“arisen out of our faith and lived experiences”.            Some concern that not clear what we are asking for – no is not enough – need to present a vision - some suggestions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) we noted that we are challenging policies not people otherwise too personal and divisive – aim to keep channels of communication with government open as this the best way to effect real change</li> <li>b) policies cruelly taking from those who can least afford it</li> <li>c) we're appealing for a change of direction</li> <li>d) possible lines - transform weapons into welfare? - caring not killing? .</li> </ul> <p>Agreed that our vision is addressed on the last page of Jenny's supporting document but Jenny and Tim to look at docs again.</p>	<p>Anyone who wants to suggest amendments or additions to contact Tim and Jenny over this weekend so a draft can be ready –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) for meeting with Maya next weekend.</li> <li>b) to circulate a week before AM. Sally to send to Jo by next weekend.</li> </ul> <p>We can discuss again after AM response but aim to publish this on the website soon.</p> <p>Shorter version to be drafted for publicity - less urgent – Sally and Andy to attempt first draft of for next 4 the Common Good meeting and circulate beforehand. Organise in bullet points.            Perhaps include some of snappy phrases mentioned at meeting as well as “We can afford to care”</p>
<p>2. Meeting with Maya next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November</p>	<p>Suggested format on attached document.</p>	<p>Tess to send info round to anyone she knows may be interested eg. members from other AMs eg Lancaster            Sally to send to clerks of LBM via Jo on Saturday so can announce at Sunday MfW and to those on pilgrimage.</p>

<p>3. Dates of Ride</p>	<p>Provisional dates Saturday 21<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August.  Riders contacted are unable to totally commit themselves to whole 2 weeks but have expressed likelihood of participating for some of fortnight.  Think tthough enough commitment from core planning group to make suggested dates feasible.  Andy to ride with Daniel, and Rachel join for some.  Tess and Hugo.  Sally and Jerome (possibly for some) but present for 2 weeks in support if not riding.  Sue Tyldesley and possibly friend, Ruth .</p>	<p>We may adjust depending on interest from riders at meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November and contacts with those interested.  Sally to put provisional date on website.  Andy to plan an alternative fast express route (about 4 days) taking in different meetings for those who are seasoned cyclists.   Re: contacting Downing Street to present Declaration: rather than do through Tim Farron, use Friends Parliamentary Liaison Officer.</p>
<p>4. Area Meeting Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November</p>	<p>Several of group attending.  Sally to report back.</p>	<p>Sally to prepare report for group to see beforehand via email and ensure documentation required for this with Jo by next weekend</p>
<p>5. Meeting for Sufferings - 2nd December.</p>	<p>Chris not yet sure if AM minute re. 4 the Common Good on December agenda. He feels able to speak to if necessary or it may be that M for S wants someone else to speak.</p>	<p>Chris or Pam can meet with us before if on agenda and if wish to discuss further. Pam has said would give Sally date of usual pre-planning for Mf S meeting.</p>
<p>6. New Economy Meeting in Mcr on 19<sup>th</sup> November</p>	<p>Sue Tyldesley attending</p>	<p>Sue will circulate info to Friends there and try to connect with Friends from meetings en route.  Sally to send attachments with necessary info on eg. leaflet, route, Declaration with Evidence.</p>
<p>7. Use of Swarthmore at start of ride</p>	<p>Jane Pearson confirmed that accommodation is available at the hall on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July so can set off from there the next morning.  Thanks to Jane for organising this.</p>	<p>Info re booking this to go on website and to Friends riding once dates certain.</p>
<p>8. Visiting Meetings on Proposed Route in advance to give info and seek support</p>	<p>Easier in pairs – strengthens case but as 40 Meetings involved may not be practicable.</p>	<p>To plan at next meeting who do where after Christmas and start to contact clerks using info attached to Andy's route.</p>

9. Collecting stories before and en route suggested.	Publish on website to add to evidence of increased deprivation and consequences.. But also gather extras en route and record to present at Downing St. This will strengthen case and bulk of good for publicity.	To consider how facilitate this at a future meeting.
10. Westmorland General/Regional Meeting in March on 4 the Common Good at Brigflatts	Forgot to discuss. May want speakers. Doing banner making for action. Sally has offered Settlebeck School for this if children's rooms not ready or too small.	Tess and Sally to bring info to next meeting. May want speakers?
11. Use of MPs and Electoral candidates list	Not discussed	To discuss at next meeting.

**NOTE:**

If we want to better inform ourselves of the issues associated with our action:

1. Discussion Meetings on this at Kendal called "Limits to Growth" mentioned by Chris Bullard
2. Jenny's well researched evidence based paper accompanying the Declaration which includes internet links to relevant material.
3. Tim drew our attention to Frank Field's recent comments on how the 5 Pillars of the Welfare State are being pulled down.
4. Hilary gave out the latest Friends' edition of the New Economy series (all worth reading)
5. Afterthought from Sally – Richard Murphy's "The Joy of Tax" (RM = a Quaker and was an economics advisor to Jeremy Corbyn). Book very readable.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at Brigflatts Meeting House at 1.30  
with shared lunch beforehand.**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 8pm at Hilary's – address at top of these notes**