

Minutes of First Meeting of St Ives Branch of Huntingdon CLP

Date/Time: 12/01/2017 - 8pm

Place: Golden Lion, Market Hill, St Ives

Members present:

Richard Allen
Ken Doyle
Tina Richards
Annie Sly
Phil Sly
John Watson
Mick White

The above members met up at the Golden Lion, St Ives and discussed some general issues which need to be sorted out to get the ball rolling for regular meetings of the St Ives branch of the Huntingdon Constituency Labour Party. The following is the result, in no particular order, of those discussions along with other questions that came up as a result of the discussions.

When to meet:

First Tuesday of each month.

This should give a 2 week gap between local and main meetings.

Time to meet:

7:30PM

Meeting Length:

90 minutes

Allows us to book a room, or meeting place for 2 hours with half hour to get in/out

Meeting frequency:

Each month

Didn't discuss if, as with Huntingdon CLP, there should be a summer break in meetings.

Where to meet:

A number of places were suggested for regular meetings so we need to check out cost and availability for the following.

Free Church, Corn Exchange, Parish Church Hall, Methodist Church Hall, Catholic Church Hall, White Hart function room.

Other places to check out:

Dolphin centre function room, Rec. Centre function rooms, Police Station (!), Broad Leas Centre, Town Hall, Library

I'll make a start on this but if anyone wants to lend a hand let me know.

How is group structured:

Standard structure of Chairman, Secretary, Deputy Chair

Need to check with Hunts CLP if this is standard and adjust as necessary.

Contacting local Labour Party members:

In first instance we should email all members before next meeting. Once we have a regular meeting place available we can phone members from the list available. There are 100+ members in the St Ives area so if a few of us take 10 or so names and numbers we can call them and let them know that the group exists, when we're meeting etc.

Future Meeting Discussions:

No particular issues were brought up, but this can be done at future meetings. General issues such as organising local campaigns.

General Questions:

The following are some questions which didn't come up at the meeting but came to mind later. Not sure if they should be in the minutes but I thought it might be useful to bring them up anyway.

Are there any other minimum conditions we need to adhere to – check with Hunts. CLP

How are we funded for meetings etc.

Are local campaigns decided locally or do we need to run by Hunts. CLP

Chris is running a survey but my notes don't indicate what it was about – need to ask.

What are duties and tasks of Chairman, Secretary etc.

Information and data on Hunts CLP web page

Facebook and Twitter accounts?

Mailing list for St Ives Labour Group members

That's about it!

Mick White