

# St Ives Labour Group

## Minutes of meeting

**MEETING DATE: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**Place:** Broad Leas Centre, St Ives

**Chair:** Mick White

**Apologies:**

**Previous Minutes Approved:** 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017

**Next Meeting:** 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### **Matters Arising:**

Discussion of creating local manifesto

At the HDLP meeting the North Cambridge area were mentioned as helping to create a local manifesto. There is a template that we could copy or adapt to suit our needs. Any popular items that we think of should also be sent to HDLP.

A copy of the HLCF (local campaign forum) manifesto from 2014 was handed around for discussion which covered housing, welfare, anti-social behaviour, a footbridge to the guided bus, green bins and immigration.

Infrastructure should be upgraded as houses are built.

Not enough housing being built and very little of this is affordable or social housing.

An absence of flats being built.

Loans to build houses are available but not being utilised.

We have no figures for how many are on the local waiting list to be housed.

Homelessness and living on the street is rising.

People are not well informed about welfare rights as there is no local CAB any more.

Churches try to help but legal advice, in general, is understaffed and underfunded.

Suggested that local legal advice centres are set up with training and volunteers.

We need to get this noticed locally.

Sometime back a footbridge over the bypass, from the town to the guided bus centre, was suggested as the current crossing is dangerous. Worth adding to manifesto.

North Cambridge volunteers are offering help for campaigning.

Daniel gave an update on the current state of doorstepping. We're a little under half way getting to meet our members but this has resulted in an increase in numbers at the current meeting (about double the number of attendees) and more activity. Positive response to doorstepping from members called on so far. Doorstepping will continue each weekend that members are available.

### **AOB:**

November dates:

12<sup>th</sup> Nov. Remembrance Sunday

15<sup>th</sup> Nov. Become a councillor evening in Huntingdon.

19<sup>th</sup> Nov. Huntingdon Town Centre gathering after conference.

25<sup>th</sup> Nov. National Day of Action leafleting in St Ives town centre.