

Minutes of North West Branch Meeting Held at Co-op, 1 Angel Square, Manchester, 30/01/2014

	The meeting opened at 5.30pm	ACTIONS
1) Attendance	Present: Chair; Paul Hartley (PH), David Hayes (DH), Kirsten Ryan (KR), Ian Lucas (IL) Katie Wray (KW), Nick Grimshaw (NG), Crispin Edwards (CE), Kate Kendall (KK), Ashley Pettit (AP), Jack Haw (JH), Ruth Garratt (RG)	
	Apologies: Paul Mason (PM), Marion Barter (MB), Andrew Tegg (AT), Jerry Spencer (JS), Jason Kennedy (JK), Chris Griffiths (CG), Graham Arnold (GA)	
2) Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising	The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2013 were accepted as a true record. Matters arising to be addressed via the agenda. JH and RG were welcomed to the Committee.	
3) Treasurer's Report	AT was absent from the meeting	
4) Consultations report	IL tabled his report and provided a verbal update on recent consultations.	
5) Events sub- committee	KW provided a verbal report on the proposed events calendar for the year ahead. It is proposed to hold a 'pub social' event every 2 months to encourage informal get-togethers between members.	
	It is proposed to hold an event on the Isle of Man and possibly incorporate this with an Exec Committee meeting.	
	The subject of the Branch's Annual Conference was discussed; the two potential subjects are	

	'Setting' or 'Interiors'.	
	The AGM this year will be held in Liverpool on 15 October.	
6) Joint events with COGs	Lancashire and Cumbria joint COG event is on 13 February	
7) National Rep report	CE provided a verbal report.	
8) Membership	JK was absent.	
	KK reported that she has been approached about a strategic role for the National Membership Committee.	
9) Branch newsletter	NG and JH discussed the proposed content for the next edition of the newsletter which is to be issued at the end of February.	
10) AOB	The Branch's Business Plan was discussed and agreed.	
13) Next Meeting	Thursday 17 April at Co-op's offices, 1 Angel Sq. Manchester	
	The meeting closed at 7:30pm	