

PALESTINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN - LANCASTER

General Meeting – Cornerstones

Wednesday 28th January

Morgan. Harry. Suzanne. Keith. Stephen. Nigel. Kathryn. Patrick. Alison. David. Michelle. Audrey. Khaldoun (chair) . Eugene. Pete. Wilf. Elizabeth. Greg. Sionad.
(Annette - Dr Saaeed on zoom).

Khaldoun – congratulations on being here at the meeting. Also on the rally at RLI.. great to have people on both sides of the road.

Comments...

Good to have sign that says Beep / Honk ... good reactions from the public. Good and busy. 2 young doctors came tonight. Be good to spread further along the road...

Great that is light now – be good to practice with the megaphone..

Melancholic tunes good for leaflet picking ..

We need to be careful with the bus divers ... be good to leaflet the bus drivers to make sure they are on our side...

K summarises – keep input as short as possible ... be very good to keep the Wed RLI sessions going at that time and be as conscious as possible of all the people – cyclists and people getting off the buses...

Our differences of approach etc should not make us angry with each other – vital that we keep the core part.. the cover of it all should be love and respect

Review of previous meeting minutes – there are none..

Check In – in future can we do this around a specific topic (similar to this evening)

PSC Lancaster Exec – agreement on roles and people

The following people were confirmed

Chairman	Khaldoun
Secretary	Pete
Treasurer	Patrick
BDS	Stephen
Rallies	Sally
Ext Comms	Kathryn
Int Comms	Anne Brookes
TU Rep	Audrey

Working Parties

BDS

Could be doing a lot more – have made banners. Have been handing out leaflets.

Wilf would like to get more involved.

Kh suggests that it would be good to have in person meetings – more regular. Better communication would be good.

Pete suggests that Working Parties have Agendas that are used for meetings – wherever or whenever they happen.

Discussion over agendas – each group should have it's own way of working...

Stephen produced an outline of what the group should do... the doc will be shared again..

David – if there is not a clear meeting structure how do we make sure that new people can get involved.

Rallies

How are we going with these – how are we dealing with the incidents around this.

Pastor – Patrick explained that on the last Saturday he got onto the plinth and for 25 minutes he carried on but our PA was loud enough to drown him out. He is playing to our audience. On this coming Saturday we prepare for this with a pre-recorded message about religion and Palestine – we let him talk but make sure our sound is louder than him – and we leave him to go on...

Wilf met him after the rally – he is confused...

Greg – confirms his confusion ... he feels that the best is to stop him getting on the plinth. He is a provocateur... we should work out how to neutralise...

Michelle – should we get in touch with the police Liaison

Harry – good points being made – important that we have stewards every week to help it de-escalate.

Khaldoun – should we go to his church and talk to him.

Annette – he is preaching from the Old Testament ... it will be hard to deal with him and needs consideration.

Keith – I think P is right ... how effective are the long speeches ... short speeches and music seems to be good...

Morgan – 7th Feb around youth activism. Do you know any young people... (Hazra). Be good to have a couple of 'older' people to speak – Sue H / Rebecca / ... Looking for more speakers... I have a poster ...

Rallies in general chat ... we seem to have a good number of people but we are not spreading the message.

Pete : Maybe doing a 3 hour once a month in a more interactive way alongside a regular vigil.

David : change the form – who do you want to reach ... how and who... don't need to fill the whole hour ...

Audrey : reluctant to wind down to once a month... need to keep the momentum... the Sats do go up and down., we still are engaging with new people

Kh - How do we reach businesses / the council ... (David points out the rallies are not the best place to engage with these areas of people)

Rallies group to meet as soon as possible....

Upcoming Events

31 st Jan	National March	
7 th Feb	2.30 and 7pm	Music Meditation
14 th Feb	12-2	Lancaster Families for Gaza

Suzanne asks how do we get any support for any things that I do on my own...

Notices from National PSC

Forward the newsletter info to the group and any specific meetings or reports.. They may have some legal advice...

AOB

Patrick – wants to set up a simple account for PSC – suggestions please..

Michelle – Jewish Voices for Palestine for HMD was very moving.

Next meeting in about 2 months...