Minutes of SWC Branch on 17th July 2017

1. Present: Pol O’Cealleigh, John & Sue Tanner, Chris MacMakin, Nadine Bely-Summers, Alex Donnelly, Antonida Kocharova (chair), Ruben Monis, Roger Howe, Edward Pope, Richard & Ruth Shallard, Jenny Stanton, Wendy Mantle, Richard Howlett, Colin Cook, Felicity Leary, Anne Lyons, Stephen Marks, Emma Turnbull & Alex Hollingsworth.
2. Apologies: Harm-Jan Fricke, Bruce McClaren, Abdul Rahman, Sobia Afridi, Susanna Pressel & Marie Tidball.
3. Minutes: Minutes of 19th June were agreed.
4. Matters Arising: Bob has still to arrange a meeting with Gawain Little. **John to ask Susanna if she** **raised nurses’ pay weighting with Joint Health & Overview Scrutiny**. Stephen had not yet invited Dana Mills to speak.
5. Nominations:
   1. Regional conference delegate Oxford East: On a vote **Becky Boumelha** agreed.
   2. Regional conference delegate Ox. West & Ab: On a vote **Alex Donnelly** agreed.
   3. South East Regional Board: Unanimously **Ann Black** agreed.
   4. From Reg. Conf. to National Policy Forum On a vote **Carol Hayton** agreed
6. Reports from councillors:
   1. City councillor, Alex Donnelly, spoke about overcrowding in Hinksey pool and parking problems outside. The park gates will be replaced to discourage cycling and parking in the park. **Agreed he would give an up-date in September.**
   2. County councillor, Emma Turnbull, said County cabinet had agreed to defer cuts to transport for children with Special Educational Needs, after a strong campaign by Labour. She was applauded. Labour had supported the new joint chief executive for Cherwell and the County to save redundancy money.
   3. City councillor, Alex Hollingsworth, said taxis would be allowed to use the Westgate bus route, he now represented the City for the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme and the City Council had not yet taken over repairing the main roads for the County Council. He felt more key roads in Oxford should be closed to private cars for part of the day. He was applauded.
7. Other Reports:
   1. Treasurer, Richard Shallard, reported £422.18 in the bank.
   2. Chris, Anne and Stephen reported on the All Member Meeting. Our resolution on the National Policy Forum had been agreed. There was a moving presentation about the Oxford Living Wage. There was support for twinning with Ramallah.
8. Speakers: **Agreed John to invite speakers from the Oxford Living Wage campaign and on Cameroon. Stephen to invite Dana Mills to speak about radical women &/or Israel.**
9. By-election: Support was urged for the Headington by-election on Thursday 19th July.
10. Future meetings:
    1. Tuesday 21st August from 8 pm informal drink at Head of River pub.
    2. Tuesday 18th September 7.30 pm formal meeting at Town Hall

John Tanner, secretary