

Minutes of Free the Bradford 12 N.M.C. meeting held on 29.5.82

N.B. This NMC was small with few people apart from people from Leeds and people working on trial from London. There was also a meeting on 2.6.82 after the picket attended by people in Leeds, London and Bristol CARL. Please note following decisions made at these two meetings:

Wednesday 9th June: It is probable that the trial will last till Weds. and we are calling on all support groups etc to mobilise for this as the final mass picket. We will contact you if we find out that the trial will finish before. (This is unlikely).

Mass Picket 10 - 4 outside Leeds Crown Court

Next N.M.C. meeting will be held in Leeds on Sunday 13th June. This will be an important meeting as there will almost certainly be a verdict by then. We must discuss continued work if anyone is sent down. Whatever happens we are planning a conference in late July and this must be discussed then.

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1. There was a general discussion on the work in Leeds during the trial. It was agreed that there has been too much centralisation of work and we need to mobilise people in Leeds better. For example, we should use more people to write the broadsheet not rely on one or two.

2. Finance:

a. In view of the rumours and talk that is around about the campaign's funds, it was agreed that we should draw up a statement about finance. Nat. Treas. to do a draft for next NMC meeting. Preliminary account to be sent out with minutes.

b. It was also agreed that although the primary purpose of the campaign is political, we should set up a 'relief' fund account towards paying fines, and support for defendants and families after the trial if anyone gets sent down. This is extremely complicated as we have to be very precise over the terms of this fund and how the money is used. National Treasurer to consult lawyer to get a possible constitution for the fund and to try and get reliable trustees.

c. A meeting was to be arranged with the defendants on these questions.

3. There was some discussion of reactions in public gallery.

4. Details of broadsheet sorted out.

Weds 2.6.82

1. Next NMC meeting to be held in Leeds, 2.00 Sunday 13th June meet at Islamabad.

2. People from Bristol CARL raised the question of why self defence was made clear so late in campaign. There was discussion on this.

3. There was some discussion on the proposed conference and general agreement that it should be held in Leeds or Bradford not in Birmingham. Organisational problems to be looked into. To be decided at next NMC.

4. Circular to be sent out about 9th June mass picket.

5. There was some general discussion on the need to continue campaigning in the case of anyone getting sent down. Organisations to be contacted about this.