

Minutes of Exeter CND Council of 1st December 1980

Roger Greenough was elected as Chairperson for this meeting.

Brief reports were delivered from the local groups.

Matters arising from the previous minutes: for future printing the possibility should be borne in mind of cheap rates from sympathetic printers.

It was agreed that a committee of 3, with powers to co-opt, should draw up a constitution for Exeter CND for approval by the Annual General Meeting. This committee to consist of Tim Reuter, Richard Seaford, and Roger Greenough.

The following principles, to be binding on the constitutional committee, were agreed (where no figures stated, by an overwhelming majority or unanimously).

1. That any CND member may attend council meetings as an observer.
2. That at the end of each Council meeting a chairperson be elected for the next meeting. (16 votes to 6).
3. That Exeter CND shall have a Press Officer, and a treasurer.
4. That Exeter CND shall have the three offices, not necessarily to be filled by different people, of General Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Minutes Secretary.
5. That Exeter CND allow affiliation from bodies in agreement with its aims, provided that each affiliation be approved by Council. (20 to 1, 1 abst.)
6. That affiliation carry with it the right to one voting delegate to Council. (20 to 1, 1 abst.)
7. That area groups should be free to accept local affiliations.
8. That the position of the University group be decided at a later date.
9. That each area group should have 2 delegates to Council. For greater representation large groups may split, but not so as to create a group smaller than a ward; and each split must be approved by Council.
10. That Council should have the power to co-opt members from time to time for specific periods.
11. The chairperson not to vote except in the case of a tie.
12. That there should be an Annual General Meeting, at which all officers (except the Chairperson-v.2) are elected.
13. That the officers should be entitled to vote at Council meetings (with the proviso of n.11). (Carried by the casting vote of the Chairperson.)

It was also agreed:

That the next meeting be the Annual General Meeting, to be held in the main lecture theatre at St. Lukes, Heavitree rd., on 7.30 p.m. on Monday 26th Jan.

That Membership cards be issued before this meeting to allow admittance.

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That Group C should plan further events, bearing in mind the interests of new members and the need for a discussion on campaigning.