

London Quakers Banking Day (1.10.16) second follow on meeting 25.4.17.

Minute of Record.

Ten of us met together on 25.4.17 at Friends House to plan actions using the Minute of Record from the first follow on meeting on 24.1.17. Amongst us were Rachel Oliver from Positive Money and Maya Williams from QPSW. Steve Whiting from Turning the Tide facilitated this meeting. We

We acknowledged what has been achieved already. We have:-

- Started New Economy Reading Groups for our Local and Area Meetings.
- Educated ourselves and taken part in self-study.
- Had discussions with other Friends/friends about ethical ways to save.
- Used our money for change:- switched to an ethical bank, joined a Credit Union or local banking initiative.
- Joined the Living Wage campaign.

We agreed to prioritise what we are currently able to do.

In our Local and Area Meetings:-

- Find out if there is interest in seeking further Banking Reform.
- Share information, eg. How to set up a New Economy Reading Group.
- Involve young people in understanding how our banking systems work and the need for change.
- Invite a local Positive Money speaker to our Meetings.
- Sign the Positive Money Campaign. www.positivemoney.org.uk
- Learn about the Campaign for Interest-free Money. www.interestfreemoney.org
- Write or meet with our MPs to alert them to the need for further Banking Reform.
- North London Area meeting to be asked for a minute of support for writing to MPs to seek the formation of an All Party Parliamentary Group on Banking Reform.
- Work to get a statement to BYM describing the changes we want to see in the Banking system and how we might bring about an economic system in which Quaker testimony can flourish. Use Q F & P and our banking heritage and history to inform our work.
- Work with others to bring about these changes. Eg. Co-FaithCouncil for Monetary Justice. www.ccmj.org
- Write an article for The Friend explaining the work undertaken so far to seek wider support and knowledge.
- Create a leaflet, combining all the information gained on the Banking Day 1.10.16 and since, to share with others.
- Invite London Quakers more widely to our next meeting and to join us to take action. (Steve Whiting, from Turning the Tide, is ready to assist us with our next meeting.)

Recorded by Sue Newsom, North London Area Meeting, on behalf of London Quakers.