



**Minutes of the East Midlands Leicestershire & Rutland Area Activists
Committee.
6.00pm Tuesday 12th January 2010.
Unite Office, Leicester**

Present: Adrian Axtell, Regional Secretary
Harish Patel, Regional Industrial Officer
Rose Mooney, Regional Industrial Officer
Committee: Sam Chapman, Ishvar Chauhan, Daryl Martin, Michael McCann,
Andrew Newton, Nigel Powell, Simon Rosenthal, Harjap Singh, Mike
Thompson, Ivan Timpson, Neelam Verma, Paul Welsh.

Chair: Daryl Martin

Apologies: Mandy Amin, Steph Evison, Chris Marlow

Minutes of Last Meeting – Agreed. A Newton asked it to be noted that he was in attendance but was not listed in the attendees.

Matters Arising – It was noted that there were still seven vacancies on the Committee, awaiting guidance from the EC.

Regional Industrial Report/Delegates Industrial Reports – It was agreed that at future meetings written reports would be circulated. A Axtell (Regional Secretary) spoke on the role of the Committee and developments both regionally and nationally, and that 2010 was an important year for the Union due to the number of elections taking place, including the General Election. A discussion took place on the current re-election of former TGWU Branch and Workplace Reps, delegates felt that it was not beneficial to the merger as it could result in changes to committees that had only recently been elected. Delegates were reminded that there would be a Policy Conference held this year either towards the end of May or beginning of June, awaiting further details from the EC.

Regional Industrial Strategy

The following issues were discussed:

- Organising & Recruitment
- General Election Preparations
- Industrial Outlook for the Area/Council's Strategy on investment
- Rise of the BNP

A discussion took place on the Political Strategy for the area, it was agreed in the first instance that it was crucial to re-elect a Labour Government and later to look at a more in-depth/long term political strategy for the area. It was agreed to develop links with local MPs in the Leicestershire & Rutland area, especially in the two key seats, North West Leicestershire and Loughborough and to arrange a meeting of local activist in North West Leicestershire.

Equality Committee Vacancies – Delegates were reminded that the area still had vacancies on the LGBT and Disabled Committees.

Regional Area Activists Committee Dates 2010 – It was agreed to survey delegates on preferred days and times for future meetings, subject to the response it was provisionally proposed to meet on Tuesday 13th April at 6.00pm. Letters to be sent out to all delegates confirming the date of the next meeting.

Close of meeting.
