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NOTES

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Report of meeting held at School of Economic Science, 11 Mandeville Place, London W1U 3AJ

See: **Notes of Open Research Group meeting on 18th April 2018: [OpenResearchGroup-180418](#)**

Present: Janos, Mary, Ashburn, Paul, Ellena. Apologies: Dagem, Ahmet, Bob, Henry, John Mc, Kyle, Liliias, Liz, Maya, Philip, Robin, Sandra, Steve, Trevor.

Janos said he would like someone else to take responsibility for running the group as he was busy with other commitments. Mary asked how much time he was giving to Scientology, which we are aware has a corrupt way of functioning, in the way it coerces people into working for it. Janos said their aim was to heal individuals so that society could be healed, and Mary said that this was not a feasible method, as damaged people are producing damaged offspring so they could never heal everyone. We engage in politics, through political parties, to vote in representatives in order to bring about laws to nudge the behaviour of individuals, for example the aim of the Georgists is to change the taxation system to bring about better use of land, in a way they feel is more just than taxing people who are employing others. Another example is legislation (and funding) to oblige local authorities to provide facilities for Youth Clubs, to divert them from roaming the streets and knifing each other.

Janos said that politics is carried out by individuals, but Paul explained that he is talking about the way that soviet politics was intended to operate – similar to the current communalists project – but this was corrupted into dictatorship, which is different from the democratic process in which we are engaged. There are also the methods of civic society “the public expression of society and its values” where organisations are evolved in order to influence politics which is “communalism in action”. Janos accepted this explanation. Ashburn added that this is why we have demonstrations, in order to influence the political process. Paul added that US assassinations in the US were related to the monetary system, eg Abraham Lincoln proposed government issue of money, the man who shot him was hired by a coalition of bankers. Similar thing with President J F Kennedy, who was proposing a similar radical reform and he also got shot, an elected politician who saw what was needed. The US has been governed by the cabal who conspired in that murder.

Ellena reported on our trip to HSCB, where they are getting sterling donations to pay off debts, and to support local projects. This project is not an end in itself but is an interim project the aim of which is educational and we would hope that they would also support projects working towards monetary reform – they were closed when we arrived so we would need to organise another trip.

Mary said that the advantage in CC projects is that legislation is not required. Ashburn recalled the visit of Steve, who claimed to have founded Bitcoin – we’ve not heard from him since. His own view of Bitcoin is that it’s a scam, which we all agreed with, also the whole financialisation aspect of the modern economy.

WINDRUSH: **Ashburn** reported that he discussed this at Speakers Corner on Sunday 22nd April and played a recording of his talk – he was reporting that the issue had been raised at the recent Commonwealth meeting. We discussed the history how Caribbean people were invited to fill jobs in the UK where there was a shortfall. After Teresa May had destroyed 50k landing cards and tightened up on regulations concerning legal residence, people who had not obtained passports had lost their jobs, been deported, not had access to the NHS, and Ashburn, who is a member of the St Lucian African Association, had asked the Jamaican Prime Minister why the Caribbean countries had not objected to migrants being deported. He has a meeting tomorrow (26th April) with the Prime Minister of St Lucia to discuss what they were doing about the issue. Mary briefly reported on a meeting on 23rd April at City Hall where she had met someone who coordinates ethnic groups in London.

FUTURE of the GROUP: Ashburn proposed renewing our contract in this venue, and all were in favour. Janos had asked for someone to take over responsibility, but Mary suggested he could continue in this role but we could rotate the chairing of and presenting at meetings, which could be a much-needed discipline.

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