

TGWU 1/1148

Branch Secretary report for Branch meeting 12th September 2006

1. Branch stall with **Lambeth TUC** at this year's Lambeth Country Show in July was a success – a good first showing. Our stall was between the stalls of **Streatham CLP** and the Socialist party. The ***Morning Star*** was popular. There was a fair amount of interest in LTUC and the Union. Thanks to all those who helped on the weekend. On basis of this year would recommend repeating and building on.
2. Our Branch also supported the TUC LGBT stall at **Soho Pride** in July. There was T&G LGBT material on the stall, our Branch newsletter ***THE WORKER*** and the ***Morning Star***.
3. Our motion on LGBT rights to the **Labour Representation Committee** AGM/Conference was passed unanimously.
4. As agreed in July I sent an email to the Regional Secretary Steve Hart – wishing Alan Green a happy retirement and noting his work for the Branch and that we look forward to his replacement given issues some work places in the Branch were currently experiencing.
5. On the above point, I am happy to report we have a Stand Down Officer covering Alan's post – **Wayne King**, who I have been working with on a few issues and have found him very effective and helpful. Wayne will be attending our September Branch meeting.
6. At the last Branch Committee meeting it was agreed to go ahead with a simple Branch website – one that can be kept updated and is easy to use. Seamus has agreed to take a lead on this for us.
7. Work on the next edition of ***THE WORKER*** has begun – I have invited our National Trade Group (ACTSS) Secretary to write an article about Supporting People funding and effects. Will have some pictures of our Branch banner on the May Day march in the newsletter – thanks to Graham Picking for the photographs.
8. The **TGWU Region 1 Morning Star Readers & Supporters Group** meeting – as discussed at July meeting – date has been set for 21st October.

9. **Julia Brandreth's motion re donation to GLATUC.** Following discussion at July's meeting on Julia Brandreth's motion to make a donation to **GLATUC** – www.glatuc.org.uk. Seamus MacBride (Branch Chair) and I met with the GLATUC Secretary and Treasurer – from that meeting we wrote a paper for the Branch Committee with some ideas on how we might support GLATUC. Following the last Branch Committee meeting where as agreed Julia and Laurie were invited - it was agreed that the BC would recommend to the Branch meeting –

- That the Branch agrees to cover the costs for the production of leaflets to advertise GLATUC public meeting on the 14th October to which there will be a speaker from our Region. Cost £650-00.
- The Branch pay GLATUC affiliation to the **United Campaign for the Repeal of Anti Trade Union Laws**
- The Branch through its delegates sends a motion to Trade Councils on make up of delegations from TUCs to GLATUC.
- The Branch encourages its delegates to Trade Union Councils to be delegates to GLATUC.
- The Branch through the correct channels asks the Region to advertise GLATUC events and send out an appeal to London branches.
- The Branch Committee agreed that the Branch funds an advert for the 14th October meeting in the ***Morning Star***.
- That the Branch gives what practical assistance it can to GLATUC in organising.

It was proposed that –

- Donation towards cost of new banner
- Funds for a general promotion leaflet – no estimate has been sent by GLATUC for this.

Be discussed at meeting.

10. At the Branch Committee meeting following request from Martin Graham (Branch Vice-Chair) it was agreed to make a donation to School Students Against the War of £200 towards the cost of their coach to Manchester for the national demonstration on the 23rd September.

11. Our Branch Shop Stewards and H&S Representatives Group is up and meeting.

12. Proposed T&G / AMICUS merger – will keep branch updated as and when receive any information.

13. There is an outstanding motion from our Branch to the Region ACTSS Trade Group Committee – I will let you know what happens after the Committee meets.

14. There has been individual case work since we last met – can expand / update at the meeting.

Anton Johnson
Branch Secretary