

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL LABOUR CLUB

General meeting

23rd April 2007, Psychology common room.

i. Esther Pickup-Keller, chair of the local party came in to talk to us. With the local elections approaching it is important we get members of the club campaigning. Help at counts on election night (Thursday 3rd May, from about 22:30-00:00) is also needed. She's going to send details to me of campaigning that's taking place, and I'll pass this on. Any help with leafletting, canvassing, phone canvassing, &c would be greatly appreciated. Thanks to those who've already volunteered to help out. I'll be in touch within the next day or two with specific times/places that we can help.

ii. Bethan reported that Hazel Blears, Labour Party Chair, has confirmed for the South West Regional event this Saturday. The event will be in the Winston Theatre at the Students' Union. The timetable, roughly, will be:

13:00-14:30 Talk by Hazel Blears

15:00-16:00 Policy forums

16:00-18:00 Campaigning in the local area

This will be followed by a social in Clifton. It'd be really great to see people there, and you're welcome to come for only part of the event. It should be very interesting, and also a great opportunity to meet other members and do some campaigning for the forthcoming elections.

There are still 5 places left for a trip to Cardiff on Saturday (leaving after the regional event), returning Sunday evening. This is to help campaign for Labour in the important Welsh assembly elections on 3rd May. Transport and accomodation will be provided. Please get in touch if you could make it.

iii. The nominations for Bristol North West CLP's parliamentary candidate are coming up. The deadline for this is the 26th May. I had been hoping to decide our nominations next Monday. However, I've subsequently been told that there are 32 candidates in all, and that we won't receive all of the CVs until next week or so. Obviously it wouldn't be fair to take a vote until we know everyone whose running.

However I have put a page up on our web-site (<http://www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/Union/UBLC>) where any documents I receive from candiates have been put up, and this will be updated regularly. We can perhaps have preliminary discussions next week based on those CVs people have seen. I'd like to take the vote sooner rather than later, as obviously 26th May is in the exam period, so I'll try to do it at the first Monday meeting after we have everyone's CVs.

iv. There will be a committee meeting this Thursday, at 13:00, in the Berkeley. If anyone has anything specific they want to put on the agenda please get in touch with me or another committee member.

v. It was decided to delay holding a meeting of the web-site working group until mid-June. It was also decided not to hold a policy forum this term due to most members wanting to focus on exams. The possibility of holding a hustings/discussion for the upcoming Deputy Leadership election during May was discussed, but nothing definite decided

vi. Finally, people seemed happy with the new location of the meeting in the Psychology room, so we'll continue to meet there in future.

Alasdair Tudhope, Chair.