

**Network of Engaged Buddhists  
AGM 2009**

**Date:** 6 September 2009

**Place:** Eaglehurst, Chagford, Devon

**Present:** Joyce Edmond Smith, Pippa Bobbett (Maitrisara), Claire Martin, Phil Henry, Ken Jones, Martin Pitt, Modgala, Sheila Shaffer, Dylan, Jo Hale, Elain, Dvora Liebman, Roselle Angwin,

**Apologies:** Guy Malkerson, Melissa Meek, Shantiprabha, Sally Ramsden, Jyoti Barker

Item		Action
2	<p><b>Minutes 2008 AGM</b> Amend minutes £12000 coming from Faith in Action fund. Tshirts – a big print run would be needed to make it worth it.</p> <p><b>NEB Sangha</b> Geoff Sheridan was to be co-moderator of NEBSangha. There was a suggestion of having two lists (info and discussion) – decided not to do this now but information should be marked FYI in the subject line. All members of NEBSangha get guidelines which are also now on the website.</p> <p><b>Gaza and tripling idea</b> A number of people looked into it and couldn't find partners based in region. Dvora will send information on Healing Words: the basis of how it formed, purpose, way of operating, what it does and experience of working in region.</p> <p>Ken will talk to David Loy who has been working in Jerusalem. Maitrisara will find out about Middle Way Roselle will find out about Quaker led research</p>	<p>Dvora</p> <p>Ken Maitrisara Roselle</p>
	<p><b>What is Engaged Buddhism booklet?</b> Discussed how its sales will be administered. Committee will each take 10 on sale or return basis. Maitrisara will bring multiple copies to NEB meetings Exec will be reminded to pay for copies sold by Phil Arrange with Greenspirit to handle distribution for us.</p>	<p>Maitrisara Exec Maitrisara</p>
	<p><b>NEF</b> Well being work. Ken will keep a watching brief.</p> <p>Banner Joyce is still looking for cloth banner – her sister might be able to help and Joyce will check back with us about payment and costs.</p>	<p>Ken</p>

	European Buddhist Union Currently 80E to affiliate. Agreed. Claire to arrange.	Claire
6	<p><b>Treasurers report</b>  Claire presented accounts for the last financial year and for this year to date – to 31 March 2009.  <b>Income</b> 1273  <b>Expenditure</b> 3405  <b>Profit/(Loss)</b> (2132)  <b>Balance</b> 1672  This is in line with our plans to spend some of our reserves on development particularly design and the website.  Still need more information for Co-op account. Claire to email Modgala questions.</p> <p>Donation to Amrita's fund no longer appropriate.  Year end to be changed to 15 August.</p>	
6b	<p><b>Website</b>  Agreed to pay another £150 to Samudradaka. Maitrisara to let him know.</p>	Maitrisara Claire
6c	<p><b>Membership</b>  195 members – a lot in arrears.  Agreed to set up direct debit system with annual repayments (or BACs) or cheques.  Agreed for Claire to take over membership.  Agreed to increase membership to £15 and £10.</p>	Claire
7	<p><b>Chagford Finances</b>  Made £267.25 profit on Chagford with 19 people attending.  Incentive to pay early didn't work.</p>	
7i	<p><b>Vote of thanks</b>  To Martin and Helen for hosting us.</p>	
8	<p><b>Website</b>  Maitrisara asks for new material to add to website. Will try to organise the transfer of the domain name from Andrew to NEB.</p>	Maitrisara
9	<p><b>ARC</b>  Deferred until Guy can be at the meeting.</p>	
10	<p><b>Adopt a monk/nun</b>  Joyce explained this solidarity project with imprisoned monks and nuns in Burma.  Individuals can send money.  Put a page on the website with a link to Clearview website  Agreed to adopt a monk and nun as NEB. Joyce to organise.</p>	Maitrisara Joyce
11	<p><b>Activities</b>  NEB members attended:  <i>Climate Camp April 2009</i> G20 Kettling a problem. Joyce was formal witness in complaint.</p>	

	<p><i>Climate Camp August 2009</i> Jyoti, Guy, Sally, Joyce went. Tar Sands in Alberta, Canada a major issue. Joyce will write letter on behalf of NEB.</p> <p>Meditations run at both including walking meditation.</p>	
11b	<p><b>Indra</b> Maitrisara raised problem of administering the sales of back issues. Discuss further at Kings Bromley. Some suggestions made on wording and layout. Decided against an issue on India only.</p>	Maitrisara
11c	<p><b>Buddhafield</b> Roselle might be interested to be on team for 2010. Feedback was heard at the festival <i>that "the NEB have done the best workshops on site"</i></p>	
12	<p><b>Silence</b> at Chagford Decided on having two tables, one with usual arrangement for silence, the other silent throughout lunch.</p>	
AOB	<p><b>Feedback on Chagford</b> <i>Sharing cooking</i> worked well but Martin can't supply food next time. Roselle to do veg shopping next year if she's coming. <i>Vegan food policy</i> – to amend to say that Eaglehurst should provide organic milk. <i>Chaford costs for next year</i> – executive committee to decide on final cost of places but generally priced the same as this year taking account any increase from Eaglehurst and allowing £20 per head food budget.</p>	Martin and Phil