**NPC ANGLIAN REGION**

**REGIONAL SECRETARY REPORT**

**17 May 2022**

1. Our AGM was held on Thursday 3rd March 2022 and was well attended. A verbal report was given of the Biannual Conference. Among the matters discussed was an amalgamation of NPC news, both national and local being condensed to two sides of A 4 paper to ensure impact, giving details of where further information could be found. The first Quarterly Newsletter, an idea gleaned from the previous Regional Secretaries meeting, was agreed and the First Issue went out in April. It was prepared with the help of our Chair, Chris Brooks, and, so far, disseminated to the main library and members to pass to friends and neighbours. It is hope to also hand out to members of the public in the town centre and satellite shopping areas.
2. NPC Review was discussed at the AGM and Replies sent within the deadline set.
3. A personal account of why the retirement age should not be increased but instead decreased to 60 for both men and women was sent to Jonathan as requested by Jan Short, pointing out the health challenges facing those in more active employment whose health decrease rapidly as a result of having to work beyond 60.
4. Our total membership was circulated for views on the “Barriers to Participation”     
   questionnaire. This was done via email and surface mail so all were contacted.  
   The results were sent in by, Chris, the Chair after the views were discussed at a branch meeting.  Detailed replies were received from four officers and none from the silent majority!
5. Nominations to three working parties have been submitted to the National Executive. The Working Parties are LGBT, Ethnic Minority and Housing.
6. Public awareness of the organisation and its value in campaigning for today’s and tomorrow’s pensioners is an ongoing challenge. We have had joint demonstrations on saving our NHS and with UNISON on requiring the government to urgently consider investing in green jobs.

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