

Motion to AMM from Mancroft BLP

Some members, and it seems women are disproportionately affected, don't attend AMM because they find the atmosphere intimidating.

These are quotes from 2 women who no longer attend:

'The AMM sums up my despair and anxiety over current meetings. Why would anyone want to put themselves through unpleasantness and underlying hostility? | resigned and stopped going when the meetings started bringing on physical symptoms from stress and anxiety and I started dreading instead of anticipating them'

'I don't give up a precious evening (rare child free time as a single parent) to feel intimidated or vulnerable.'

The way we conduct our business can have a profound effect on individuals, especially those who cannot tolerate an intimidating or hostile atmosphere. We may not realise who has experienced abuse in the past and therefore experiences a reaction when reminded of it.

We can also have problems with online discussions within our Labour Party when the language can be less than comradely.

Furthermore, we must recognise our duties and responsibilities to members of the public as well as to each other.

Our language, comments and comradely behaviour have been noticeably better at recent AMMs and we must strive to continue this progress.

This CLP resolves to

- Follow the Labour Code of Conduct in how we speak and discuss at AMM and show respect to all speakers. We should never groan or jeer when or after a speaker has made a contribution.
- Follow the Labour Code of Conduct in our online discussions
- Follow the Labour policy in our relationships with each other, the general public and in particular vulnerable adults and children.