**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of Common Cause**

The Executive Committee of Common Cause met on September 25, 2012 at 11 A.M at Common Cause House. Shri Vikram Lal, Major General (Retd.)J.P.Gupta, Dr. Divya Jalan, Shri Kamal Jaswal and Shri Surjit Das attended the meeting.

The Director briefed the E.C. on the outcome of the discussions held on September 19 by Anna Hazare with members of the erstwhile Team Anna and sympathizers of the Movement to deliberate on its future. It was decided that as the Movement has split, Common Cause should refrain from associating with the political activities of the group that has opted to enter electoral politics. However, it was felt that Shri Prashant Bhushan’s political affiliation need not have a bearing on his capacity to contribute to the Society’s initiatives in public interest litigation, or function as a member of its Governing Council. The matter could, of course, be reviewed at a later date, if necessary.

Regarding the suggestion for filing a PIL to mitigate the adverse environmental impact of brick kilns in the Himalayan region, it was agreed that further investigation would be required before taking a decision in the matter.

The Director briefed the E.C. regarding the progress of preparatory work for a PIL challenging the arbitrary allocation of coal blocks to private entities for captive mining . There was sufficient material to justify this course of action. A final decision in the matter would be taken after the first draft of the petition had been prepared.

The E.C. was also apprised of the preparation for the Symposium on Alternate Paradigms of Self Governance to be held on October 27, 2012 at the Maple Conference Hall of IHC. Our partner for this event would be Centre for the Study of Developing Societies. The prospective participants, speakers and respondents had been identified. Invitation letters were under issue.