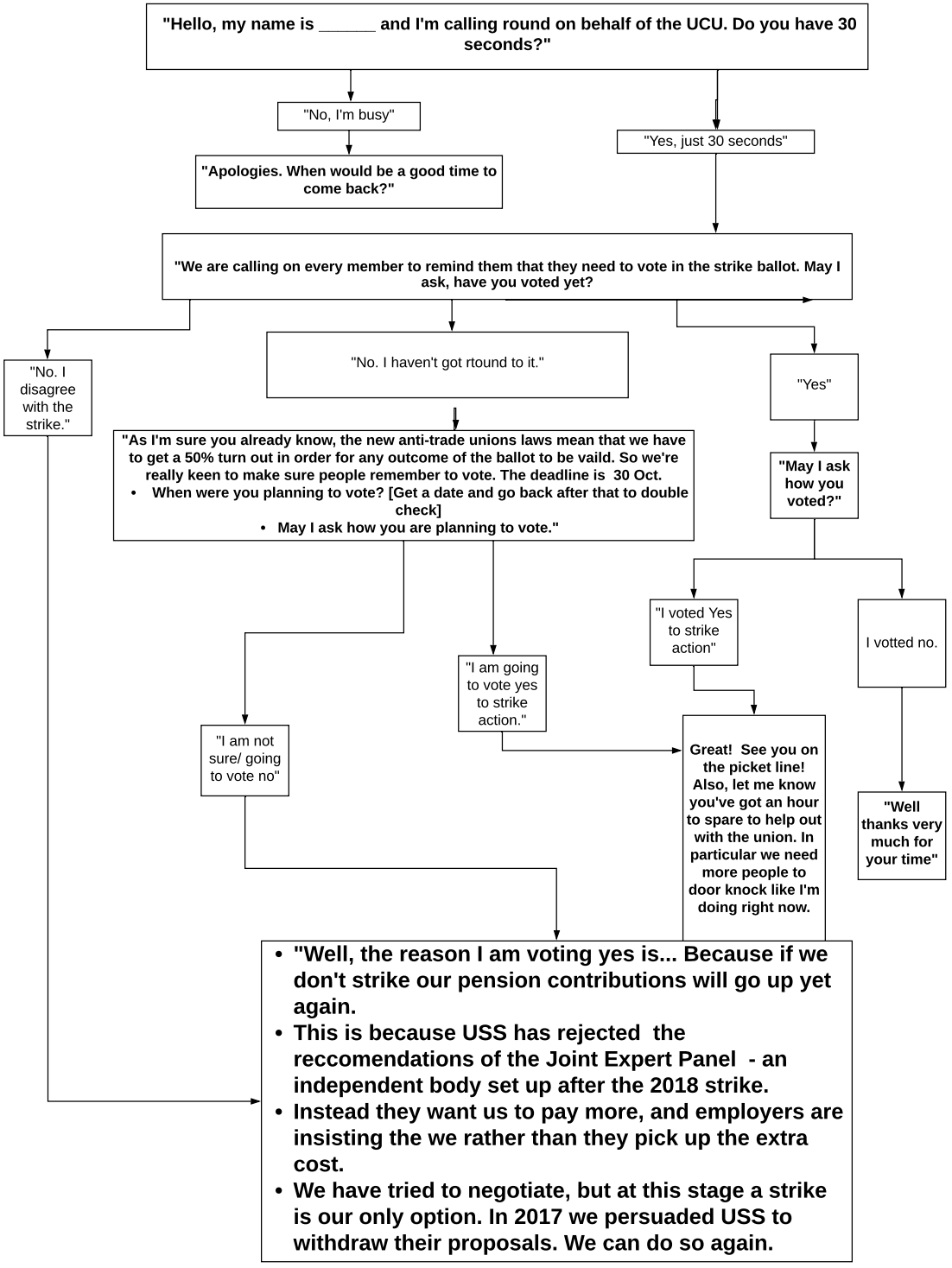
"Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling round on behalf of the UCU. Do you have 30 seconds?"
"No, I'm busy"
"Apologies. When would be a good time to come back?"
"Yes, just 30 seconds"
"We are calling on every member to remind them that they need to vote in the strike ballot. May I ask, have you voted yet?
"No. I disagree with the strike."
"No. I haven't got rtound to it."
"Yes"
"As I'm sure you already know, the new anti-trade unions laws mean that we have to get a 50% turn out in order for any outcome of the ballot to be vaild. So we're really keen to make sure people remember to vote. The deadline is 30 Oct.
• When were you planning to vote? [Get a date and go back after that to double check]
• May I ask how you are planning to vote."
"May I ask how you voted?"
"I voted Yes to strike action"
I votted no.
"I am going to vote yes to strike action."
"I am not sure/ going to vote no"
Great! See you on the picket line! Also, let me know you've got an hour to spare to help out with the union. In particular we need more people to door knock like I'm doing right now.
"Well thanks very much for your time"
• "Well, the reason I am voting yes is... Because if we don't strike our pension contributions will go up yet again.
• This is because USS has rejected the reccomendations of the Joint Expert Panel - an independent body set up after the 2018 strike.
• Instead they want us to pay more, and employers are insisting the we rather than they pick up the extra cost.
• We have tried to negotiate, but at this stage a strike is our only option. In 2017 we persuaded USS to withdraw their proposals. We can do so again.