

Green Policy Explained



No 1. THE ECONOMY—*managing the economy*

Short term return to the basics—sound money, less debt, responsible lending, proper regulation & no risky financial instruments.

Long term changes to rebuild the economy: move to a zero-carbon economy, move away from an obsession with growth, and build a more equal society.

We believe that only the following policies will deliver the equitable, stable and sustainable economy we so badly need:

- Invest in the green economy now** such as direct Government participation in energy generation.
- Pay for our programme:** our manifesto is designed to halve Government borrowing by 2013.
- Raise taxation** to 45% of GDP BY 2013.
- Those most able to pay bear their fair share, & increase environmental taxation.**
- Regulate the financial sector more strictly** preferably at international or EU level. Separate retail from investment banking.
- Support green investment banks, local community banks & green national savings bonds.**
- Build a new sustainable agricultural & manufacturing base.** Reverse the trend towards economic dependency on financial services.
- Protect basic public services** the foundation of an equitable society. Protect health and education from cuts.
- Abandon meaningless gross domestic product as a measure of economic success.** Seek instead to increase our overall welfare (health,happiness,wellbeing,quality of the environment e.t.c)
- Reduce levels of patent and copyright protection.**
- Legalize peer to peer copying** where it is not done as a business and prohibit patenting of broad software & cultural ideas.

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GIANT Summer Raffle winner Christina Crosby being presented with her Brompton folder by Bike Shed of Exeter

Funding Foray



Over the past couple of months your local Green Party has been busy refilling the coffers after the General Election campaign and planning our strategy for the forthcoming District Council ballots in May of 2011.

As most of you will know this involved our GIANT-Summer Raffle, The Seventies Revival Night at Ashburton Town Hall and a Sponsored Bike Ride

from Exeter to Cockington. Very many thanks to all of you who gave your time or donated financially or otherwise.

Raffle winner of the Brompton folding bike was a Green Party Member from North Somerset who had wanted one all her life! It was a joy to see her receive it.

Fund-raising is a core Green Party activity because of our ethical and philosophical stance; We will not accept

financial donations from businesses and must continually seek income from other sources. This is lots of fun and we are always looking for new ideas. If you have any we would love to hear them!

In the meantime look out for our upcoming Sponsored Walk, Film Nights, Musical entertainment and a Winter Raffle that could help fill up your Christmas stockings with a fabulous gift!

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We invite contributions from our members. It is your material that populates these pages, so please keep your articles and news coming.

Please send any contributions to Sam by Wed 1st December for the next issue.

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Green Party Membership

- We have healthier, safer, better food and the quality time to appreciate it.

- We have a natural world left more to itself.

- We need your support to make this happen.

Membership benefits include

- A buzzing member network in our area.

- Joining like minded people to build a better world.

- Making your voice heard and the right to vote on Green Party policy for vital issues like the environment, inequality and justice.

- A chance to get involved in the running of the party.

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>£10 off your first bill if you join the Phone Co-op

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A word from our Election Agent



General Election

The country's first Green MP! A great result for the party from the General Election in May. Already, Caroline Lucas is showing what a difference one Green voice in parliament can make as she fights for social justice and our environment against the constant attacks on both by the ConDem coalition.

Lib-Dem claims to be the 'greenest' of the big three parties are being shown to be as vacuous as their claims to be the party of social justice, the party of students (remember their policy to scrap student tuition fees?) and the party that could keep the Tories out!

In South Devon, it's been a hectic year for us as the party grew in numbers and confidence. The general election saw us have candidates in all four areas the party fully covers. Although the final count was disappointing with many people fearing a Conservative government choosing to tactically vote Lib-Dem as the least-worst option, we were well received on the door step and on street stalls. Our campaigns were strong and with most of us new to running election campaigns we learnt a great deal and grew as a political party.

Now we need to look forward and concentrate of the future.

Up-coming District Council Elections.

As you may be aware, next year we will be fighting the District Council elections. This is a great opportunity for us. Many people told us during the General Election campaign that they will vote Green in the district elections, but were reluctantly voting Lib-Dem. Now, like most Lib-Dem voters in the country, they have come to realise that voting Lib-Dem is not an anti-Tory vote.

This feeling of betrayal by many Lib-Dem voters has a good possibility of translating into SDGP getting its first district councillors. In Torbay, we have a very unpopular Conservative mayor standing for re-election. This is a great opportunity for us to raise the profile of Green politics in Devon. People are desperate for real alternatives to the neo-liberal economics and social policies offered by all of the three main parties. We have those policies and we need to let people know that they exist.

It will not be easy. We cannot expect to simply be given publicity and a platform; we need to promote our message by every means- on the doorstep, on the streets and on the web. We can't expect things to change without effort. We must make it happen. With the time, energy and commitment of all of us, we can begin to make changes to the political landscape of South Devon and the country.

2011 holds a very good possibility that we can make a difference. Get involved. Help make it happen. Come along to your local branch meeting or a full South Devon Green Party meeting and add your skills, knowledge, energy and ideas to the election and other campaigns. Be part of it!

Keith Johnson
(SDGP Election Agent)

Green Party Membership



Vital Statistics

• The Green Party began in 1972 and was first called "People".

• The leader of the Green Party is Caroline Lucas the first Green MP in the country.



• SDGP started in July 2006 and is a regional political Party pro-

moting the policies of the Green Party of England and Wales. It covers the geographical area across South Devon from the Exe to the Tamar excluding the Dart valley.

• SDGP has three branches Teignbridge, Torbay and South Hams West.

• SDGP has 303 members and growing!

We are working to ensure that

• We have a fairer society that meets everyone's needs, and an economy working with nature rather than against it.

• We have a more equal society. Of higher incomes for pensioners rather than bonuses for bankers.

• We have quieter, cleaner, safer streets.

• We have stronger local communities and the space for children to play and learn.

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Ashburton Rocks with the Penguins!

On Saturday the 14th August we had a mirthful evening when we held our 70's Re-
vival Night at Ashbur-



ton Town Hall.

Many thanks for all your letters and cards saying how much you enjoyed Radio 4 star

Matt Harvey's poetic humour and the sounds of our very own "Penguins".

Interestingly every musician who played is a Green Party member.

Well done David, Matt, Steve, Mike and Jim. Also much gratitude for all your tasty culinary donations.

A couple of Tamla Motown freaks were spotted wearing wigs, flares and platforms but luckily the fashion police had the night off so nobody got arrested!

It was great to be in Ashburton where we have lots of members but curiously no activists. Any of you locals who want to get involved please make contact .

Looking forward very much to seeing you all during our Autumn events.

p.s--Any fan mail for Steve Luscombe will gladly be forwarded!

Bike Bonanza

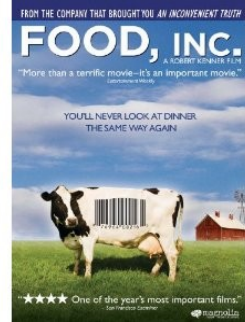
On Sunday 22nd August 2010 Christina Crosby, from Clevedon , was presented with her Brompton folding bike which she won in South Devon Green Party's national GIANT Summer Raffle by staff at The Bike Shed cycle store in Exeter.

Dr Sam Moss Fundraising Secretary for South Devon Green Party (SDGP) said "many congratulations to Christina. Like many others she entered our GIANT Summer Raffle, making it the most successful fund-raiser

EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- Mon 8th: 1930hrs- "Green Drinks", The Lansdowne, 8 Park Road, Dawlish, EX7 9LQ.
- Thur 11th: 1900hrs-[SDGP Annual General Meeting](#), Amritsar Rm ,Harbour Hse, The Promenade, Kingsbridge,TQ7 1JD.
- Mon 15th: 1930Hrs-[Film Night](#), "Food Inc", Apollo Cinema, The Esplanade, Paignton, TQA 6AG.
- Tue 23rd: 1930hrs-Teignbridge Branch Meeting, Coffee Trading House, Somerset Place, Teignmouth, TQ14 8EP.
- Sun 28th: 1115hrs onwards-"Green Drinks", Leisure Centre Cafe, Leonards Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0SL.
- Mon 29th: 1930hrs-Torbay Branch Meeting, Churston Court, Church Road, Churston Ferrers, Brixham, TQ5 0JE.



DECEMBER

- Wed 1st: 1930hrs- "Green Drinks", The Old Coaching House, 25 Fore Street, Chudleigh, TQ13 0HX.
- Fri 3rd: 1930hrs-[Christmas Party & GIANT Autumn Draw](#), Marldon Village Hall, Village Rd, Marldon, TQ3 1SJ.
- Wed 8th: 1930hrs-[SDGP Meeting](#), The South Devon Inn, Corner of Strand Hill & High St, Dawlish, EX7 9HR.
- Tue 14th: 1930hrs-Teignbridge Branch Meeting, Coffee Trading House, Somerset Pl, Teignmouth, TQ14 8EP.

SEPTEMBER

- Tue 21st: 1930hrs-Teignbridge Branch Meeting, Coffee Trading House, Somerset Pl, Teignmouth, TQ14 8EP.
- Sun 26th: 1115hrs onwards-"Green Drinks", Leisure Centre Cafe, Leonards Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0SL.
- Mon 27th: 1930hrs-Torbay Branch Meeting, Crown & Sceptre, 2 Petitor Road, St Marychurch, Torquay, TQ1 4QA.



Radio 4 star
Matt Harvey
performing at
the recent 70's
Revival Night
in Ashburton
Town Hall

OCTOBER

- Mon 4th: 1930hrs- **SDGP Meeting**, Coffee House, 13 Fore St, St Marychurch, Torquay, TQ1 4PU.
- Wed 6th: 1930hrs- "Green Drinks", Kings Arms, French St, Teignmouth, TQ14 8SU.
- Sun 10th: 1130hrs-7.5 Mile(4 hrs) **Erme Valley Sponsored Walk**. Glanville's Mill, Ivybridge, PL21 9PS.
- Mon 11th: 1930Hrs-South Hams West Branch Meeting, Daniel Forster`s Hse, 22 Langham Way, Ivybridge, PL21 9BY
- Mon 25th: 1930hrs-Torbay Branch Meeting, Epicentre, Torquay Road, Paignton, TQ3 3DT.
- Tue 26th: 1930hrs-Teignbridge Branch Meeting, Coffee Trading House, Somerset Pl, Teignmouth, TQ14 8EP.
- Sun 31st: 1115hrs onwards-"Green Drinks", Leisure Centre Cafe, Leonards Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0SL.

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in our short history. Many thanks goes out to all participants and the generous support of local businesses".

The prize winners were:

Christina Crosby- A Brompton (rrp£735) or Dahon Cadenza (rrp£950) folding bike

Steve and Mike Luscombe- 2 tickets for the three-day Sunrise Off-Grid Festival

Will Webster-A giant hamper from 100% Health

Peter Shearn-2 tickets for the two-day Ocombe Music Festival 28th-29th Aug 2010

Christine Freegard-A farm tour plus meal for two at Riverford Field Kitchen

Bev Worrall-A copy of Martin Crawford's "Creating a forest garden" by Green Books

Colin Markham-A case of Luscombe Sicilian

Lemonade

Green Cycle Ride

Many riders assembled at The Bike Shed to participate in the SDGP Sponsored Cycle Ride from Exeter to Cockington Torbay, to highlight the lack of cycleways in Devon, following the raffle prize-giving.

Cathy Fox a Torquay member writes:

"The cycle route took us along the river Exe to the Twin-Locks passing many other cyclists and walkers all out for a bit of fresh air; then through to Powderham, Starcross, past the harbour at Cockwood, and on to Dawlish Warren .We climbed over the hill to Teignmouth, the most

difficult section, for our first stop and a bite to eat."

"Onwards and Upwards we left Teignmouth cycled over the Shaldon bridge and along the river Teign through Ringmore and on to Combeinteignhead, Stokeinteignhead, Maidencombe through Babbacombe to arrive in Torquay slightly wind swept to do our final 2 miles to Cockington."

"Thanks to all those that supported us or rode with us. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did."



33 miles were covered and £289 raised. Excellent effort...Ed.



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Teignbridge

As a step towards **campaigning for pedestrianisation**



of the Strand in Dawlish, the Teignbridge group decided on a traffic monitoring for two hours at a time noting how long cars parked for, ranging from less than 5 minutes to over 15 minutes.

The reason for this is that a few Dawlish retailers claim that most motorist shoppers just pull up and drop in for something quick resulting in parking for less than 5 minutes. The objective of this exercise is to demon-

strate evidence that this claim is untrue.

So far two counts have been done - Saturday 31st July 11:00 - 13:00, David Bailey and Sue Liner and Monday 9th July 14:30 - 16:30, David Bailey and Keith Johnson.

A maximum of 8 sessions are planned varying between Saturdays and weekdays. The next session is to be organised. On completion of the exercise we will discuss the next way forward at the following Teignbridge meeting.

A Plastic Bag Free Dawlish campaign is



to be launched on the 1st October. This is a roadshow and is being

led by Ben Bryant, recycling officer at Teignbridge District Council. The title of the theme is 'Don't Forget Your Old Bag'. The road show has already been carried out in Newton Abbot and Teignmouth quite a while ago. Now it's Dawlish's turn. David Bailey is keen to involve SDGP in this event. Contact SDGPTeignbridge@gmail.com

Torbay

Protecting basic public services: the foundation of an equitable society.


80% of Public services including Waste collection, Highway services and the Parks Division were recently outsourced to the private

Why I rejoined the Green Party by Anna Presswell

I was originally a member of the Green Party about 10 years ago – but not agreeing with an introduced policy of legalising cannabis, withdrew my membership. The most recent election was critical for many reasons, none more so than a greener lifestyle choice, greater social cohesion, and a global impact on mitigating climate change and its dire consequences. With the chance at last to have our first Green MP, and the surge of interest and concern in the environment during recent years, the tide was at last turning. I joined again.

It dawned on me with one of those simple conversations - that one doesn't need to agree with every policy in a manifesto. Most parliamentary debate we see on TV suggests MP's are 100% behind their party's political views, but the truth is that it is more like 60-70%. Indeed debate within a party makes it a richer stronger force to be reckoned with. It makes individuals research the consequences of x y z, coming up with rationalised dialogue, strong evidence based strategy, and a greater passion and belief of party principles.

There is a hidden group of voters out there on the tipping point of voting Green, absolutely in the tens of thousands. I feel impassioned about the Greens potential as I never did before. We need to stretch out to middle England. Make ourselves voteable, be presentable in dialogue and discussion and professionalism. Nurture sources of training providers in some of our supporters, we need re-skilling for the media, debating skills, even for those door canvassing – it has to start at grass roots – this is where our future MP's will come from. We may not be the richest party but we have skills out there that should be being tapped into. Being Green and holding video conference training, saves on travelling and accommodation expenses.

To get a job we dress smart and think smart. To get more MP'S into Westminster, we now really need to train smart. Belonging is what society is about. Greening is the way society progresses socially, economically, ecologically.  Anna is an Osteopath & an Outreach Officer with the Transition Movement. She lives in Buckfastleigh.



Members Poetry Page

TURBULENCE AHEAD

‘You no longer make my barometer rise,’ he said
Over the Shredded Wheat and the lightly toasted
Granary bread.

‘I love another far more than you,
Her eyes are the palest shade of blue,
Her hair’s the colour of sun-kissed corn
Warmed in the gentle light of dawn.’

I reach for the Marmite

‘Do I know her?’ I say,

He smiles in a knowing sort of way,

‘Her voice like gentle zephyr warms my heart

Her smile produces warm fronts

And I count the seconds we’re apart.

She makes light of rain and snow

And cools me when it’s hot

Around my local regions

And warms me when it’s not.’

Suddenly he claps his hands

‘Oh, there she is!’ says he

‘She’s speaking about spits and spots

Occurring round Dundee

And some unpleasant turbulence

Around the Irish Sea.’

The mercury plummets,

There’s a chill in the air

For his inamorata with the long golden hair

Is there on the screen for the whole world to see

It’s Carol – that weather woman - from Breakfast TV.

Anne Briscoe -Torbay Branch
(Local poetry competition winner)



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sector by the ConDem Unitary administration without the consent of council tax payers as part of a Joint Venture Contract lasting 10 years costing £130 million.

A cosy profit motivated arrangement further eroding our publically owned assets and services and importantly in direct opposition to Green Party policy which puts people before profits, keeps public services in public hands and is hostile to privatisation. We responded with a press statement, a radio interview & sent letters to the local paper.

Torbay Community Orchards Project.

About two thirds of British Orchards have been lost since the

1960's along with over 200 varieties of apples and numerous varieties of pears, plums, medlars, cherries and damsons all unique to Britain and the local regions they were grown in. Up and down Britain community Orchard groups are forming and suc-



cessfully restoring old orchards or creating new ones.

Orchards supply vital breathing spaces in our increasingly urban environment, provide wildlife habitats, improve our diet and reduce the need for imported fruit . Any one interested in helping

to form a working group to start a Community Orchard project in Torbay please contact Paula Hermes. SDGPTorbay@gmail.com

South Hams West

The South Hams is not only full of beautiful scenery, it is a place that has many District Council wards that can and should be contested by South Devon Green Party members at the next local elections, due to be held in May 2011 (So actually not that far away)!

Many voters, who have voted Liberal Democrat in the past, are now feeling let down, betrayed even, by the Lib Dems decision to go into coalition with the Tories.

There are several



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wards within our area where the current sitting District Councillor is Lib-Dem and we could target. Top of the list would probably be Ivybridge/Filham,

Having now heard a whisper that Tesco is aiming to put a Metro shop in the town centre, will the same lack of opposition be apparent from the cur-

will be given.

We would also like to give voters the opportunity to be able to vote for a Green candidate in every ward. So please consider having

your name on the ballot paper,

SDGP members gathering for the September 2010 area meeting at The Crown & Sceptre, St Marychurch, Torquay.



where there are two district councillors: Cllr Barber Lib-Dem and Cllr Croad Con.

My sources tell me that Cllr Croad in particular, has made himself unpopular with his non-existent opposition to the proposed Lee Mill incinerator.

rent crop of “do nothing” councillors?

Other wards with Lib-Dem councillors are: Westville & Alvington, Yealmpton and Erme Valley. If you want things to change, do consider putting your name forward as a candidate. Full backing

even if it is just as a ‘paper’ candidate. For details of what’s involved, contact Keith Clements at: 01364-642936 or

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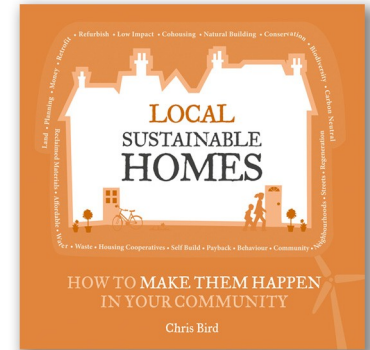
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