



## Green Party Seniors Newsletter

June 2022

Welcome to our latest newsletter and a special welcome to any new members who have recently joined us.

### New Constitution for the Green Party of England and Wales

The current Constitution, which was suitable for a small political party, is not longer suitable for the sizeable Party that we have today. However, reaching agreement on what that new structure and Constitution should be is not so easy.

Martha James, Co-Chair of Regional Council, emailed all members on 17 June. If you haven't received the email, check in your junk. If you can't find it, and want me to forward it, contact me on [n.watson77@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:n.watson77@yahoo.co.uk)

Consultation meetings have been set up for regions and groups and are open to all members. We have had a great response from Seniors on emails and via the Google Group. Many of us have been Party members for decades and are also members of other organisations, so we have a lot of expertise to bring to bear on the final consultation exercise. These are the dates. I apologies that some have already passed.

<b>27 June 6pm-8pm</b>	South East, West Mids, East Mids Regions	<b>Zoom Link</b>
<b>28 June 6pm-8pm</b>	South West, Yorks & Humber, Eastern Regions	<b>Zoom Link</b>
<b>29 June 6pm-8pm</b>	North West, North East, London Regions	<b>Zoom Link<sup>30</sup></b>
<b>June 6pm-8pm</b>	Wales Consultation	<b>Zoom Link</b>
<b>1 July 6pm-8pm</b>	Liberation Groups Consultation	<b>Zoom Link</b>
<b>2 July 6pm-8pm</b>	Green Party Disability Group Consultation	<b>Zoom Link</b>

### Special Interest Groups

Green Party Seniors is one of the so-called "Liberation Groups", now called Special Interest Groups (SIG) within the Green Party.

The Co-Chairs of SIGS meet every so often to discuss matters of mutual interest.

GPEW Strategy and finances seem to concern all the groups. SIGs Co-Chairs have been concerned for some time that the Party strategy is concentrated on winning Council seats and more MPs, and that setting targets is not a strategy.

The Party has more staff than ever who are mostly concerned with elections and external and internal messaging with little joined up thinking.

We don't run campaigns - which many of us feel is a mistake. How will people vote for us if they don't know what we would do once we are elected?

Attached to this email is the Strategy. Attendees at the SIGs meeting agreed to acquaint ourselves with it. I will keep you informed of our discussions.

## Autumn Conference

### 1 Where, when and how? Harrogate, 30 Sept-2 Oct 2022

This will be a hybrid Conference, meaning that members can attend in person or via Zoom. This is the most expensive option but is the one preferred by members as it gives everyone a chance to attend however suits them best. It requires a lot of organisation and staff support at the venue, hence the expense.

### 2 Pre Agenda Forum Green Spaces on the members' website

This is the space on Green Spaces, on the members' website, where ideas can be floated for motions before the wording is finalised.

<https://spaces.greenparty.org.uk/s/autumn-conference-2022-agenda-forum/>

Seniors member Nicole Haydock has proposed an amendment to RR 530 Trans Rights. It's a long way down, and scrolling is the only way to find it. Hazel Pegg has also proposed a similar motion. The aim of both suggested motions is to take some of the heat out of the existing policy and find a form of wording that most members can agree on and that will get a convincing majority at Conference.

### 3 Green Seniors presence Meeting and Stall

Would Seniors like to have a meeting? Social or business? We will have a stall. Would any of you be interested in staffing it for a few hours?

#### Make contact

Green Party Seniors website

<https://seniors.greenparty.org.uk/>

Twitter

[https://twitter.com/seniors\\_uk](https://twitter.com/seniors_uk)

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/GreenPartySeniors>

Google group

<https://groups.google.com/u/0/g/green-seniors>

*The best way to contact the Committee is through the Google Group.*