



Green Party Seniors Newsletter

June 2023

Welcome to the June Newsletter - and, yes, we do know that it is already July.

Our apologies for not arranging a meeting this month, but there has been a lot of email traffic on the Google Group and it took my eye off the date.

The Green Seniors Google Group enables Seniors members to discuss by email. There have been lively threads recently on topics such as: Sex Work is Work; Drag Queen Motion to Conference; Green Party priorities for seniors.

Pulling together a Seniors Manifesto would be a way of keeping these ideas in our minds when a General Election is called and we will be continuing this theme at Conference.

If you want to email all Seniors - go to the Google Group and Start a New Conversation. If you find the emails annoying, you can unsubscribe any time. Or ask me and I can do it for you. You will still be a members of Green Seniors.

PolCom (Political Committee)

Either I or Freda attend Policy Committee on behalf of Green Seniors. As well as the usual updates from the leadership team and latest election information from Chris Williams, this month, we heard from Andy Mellen, Leader of Mid Suffolk Council, Zoe Nicholson, in Lewes and Mark Topping, in the Forest of Dean. In Suffolk, the Green Party has an overall majority. Zoe and Mark are leaders of minority administrations.

All three are seniors who bring their varied experience to their roles and they are all building support in their communities. They spoke about how they work; their local campaigning; and of the challenges that come along with electoral success.

Being a lone Councillor or one of a small group is not the same as having a Cabinet and "backbenchers". Good communications with all members, managing personalities and explaining your policies and actions to the voters are all demanding.

All three said that they would benefit from support to help them to carry out their roles effectively. Getting elected is only the beginning. So, if you have elected members in your local or regional party, please consider offering them support.

Bristol and Brighton might get the lion's share of the publicity, but other parties are achieving great, quiet success and Adrian Ramsay has a real chance of getting elected to Westminster in Waveney Valley.

Equality and Diversity Committee

This month's E&D meeting was taken up with considering a Draft Constitution for Special Interest Groups. This is for any group, new or existing, to use as a template. It has been a long time in the preparation, but it was generally felt that it had quite a few failings.

Dzaier Neil and Rashid Nix are standing down as E&D Co-ordinator (job share) on the Executive and elections will be taking place for this and other Executive posts.

Candidates' names are on the members' website. More information on them to follow soon.

**Green Party Seniors
Committee Meeting**

No meeting in July.

*Date of next meeting
To be arranged.*

CHANGES TO THE GREEN PARTY WEBSITE

We have a new Head of Digital, Stewart Christie, who is doing great work on our IT and you might already have noticed some changes. Maybe it was just me, but the website always seemed fractured into separate parts that didn't relate to one another.



Now, we have a proper Home Page - which Google can find - and tabs that take you to where you want to go.

GREEN SPACES is still not the most user-friendly but is much improved.

Please take a look. Seniors is here <https://spaces.greenparty.org.uk/s/green-seniors/>

Meeting for London Seniors

By the time you read this, London Seniors will have taken part in a round table discussion with London Mayoral Candidate, Zoe Garbett 4 July.

Please can someone give us a report?



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