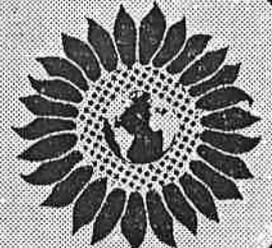




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(BEST WISHES FROM CORNWALL)

This edition of the newsletter comes to you from Cornwall and has more Cornish news. Next time - if someone volunteers - maybe we can hear a bit more from another area.

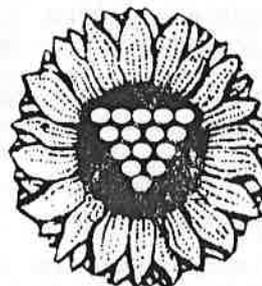
For most of the past decade there was one small branch of the Green Party (Ecology Party) in West Cornwall. In December 1988 BETH MOTTART held a meeting in her home which a dozen people attended. This led to a public meeting in January in Redruth which seventy people attended to see a video of Jonathon Porritt. Many of these knew about the meeting from a circular sent out by DENISE PYLE to about 500 supporters of the WELLBEING CENTRE.

The Falmouth-Cambron Constituency Green Party was off to a good start, and within a couple of months a Truro Green Party grew out of it, with help from JOHN CARLEY.

Meanwhile....JUDE MARTELLI in Lostwithiel arranged a public meeting addressed by Dr. Steven Shaw of Plymouth and a Lostwithiel Party started. So early this year 3 new Green Parties started in Cornwall, all with a Constitution developed by Beth. In Falmouth-Cambron

we were lucky to have the support of Peter and Karen Barclay who had experience of a Green Party "up the line".

The County Council elections were on us before we'd got ourselves organised and unfortunately we had no candidates. But it was clear from the results "up country" and the newspapers that the Green Party was doing very



well. The Euro elections confirmed this was so and the vote in Cornwall followed that in the rest of Britain, and incidentally compared very well with the other "Celtic fringe" areas (Wales and Scotland). The significant lesson in my opinion was not the work done by the candidate and the meetings he attended, but that so little electioneering and canvassing was done by the members in Cornwall and the Green vote was still over 24,000. So with no disrespect for the good candidates

and their supporters (who can make a lot of difference) it is clear there are also national and international factors which make a lot of difference too, and this has implications for the organisation of the Green Party in Britain and Europe. We need to balance the case for a strong UK Green Party against the Green Principal of decentralisation.

Throughout this year DAVID ODDIE of Calstock has been doing some high quality work for the Green movement, and a report of a recent Green Party meeting in Liskeard in this newsletter is just a small indication of the efforts put in by DAVID and MALCOLM BALDWIN. I'd like to mention all the others who have been doing so much for the Cornish Green Party, but there is just room to thank PETE MARJORAM of Lostwithiel who is helping to get new Branches going. Branches in FOWEY and LAUNCESTON (Lanson) should be the next ones, with either PAR or BOSCASTLE-CAMELFORD after that. Before long there may also be branches in ST. AUSTELL, BODMIN, WADEBRIDGE..... it's like a dam has burst and we need to organise channels for all the energy to flow in. Guest Editorial by TED CHAPMAN

Bristol Green Party

Bristol Green Party membership is nearing 250 and they have a fledgling Northavon group. At the AGM they are looking for nominations for Management Co-ordinator, Treasurer, Membership Secretary (with word processor), Stalls Manager, Newsletter Co-ordinator, Press Officer, Elections Co-ordinator, Fund-raising Co-ordinator, Campaigns Co-ordinator and Green Groups Contact.

They are looking for NOMINATIONS (yes again!) for the posts of County Co-ordinator and County Treasurer. Each local party has agreed to donate £25 to County funds (Avon) to set up the groups with a levy (eg 10p) per member to be paid to the local party.

Avon Greens plan to have working groups based around County Council responsibilities, especially Social Services, Education, Waste Disposal, Highways and Planning.

Geoff Collard in the September Bristol Green Party Newsletter reported that Jean Lambert (UK Green Party) has been given two votes on the European Green Group in the European Parliament, and can use these as a vote (by proxy) in the Parliament. This is an unprecedented display of international solidarity by any political group, and shows our international cohesion as a political grouping. Bristol GP are now listed in Yellow Pages and are looking for volunteers to man their City Center office, and help to pay the rent.

South Bristol have regular meetings to do canvassing and have a jumble sale arranged for 18th November.

Bristol had a long discussion about what they had learnt in the Euro Election. They are planning a better Party structure with clearer lines of communication; more clearly defined responsibilities for people at election time; better training for the activists; a procedure for selecting candidates; an adequate schedule for producing the manifesto, (presumably a schedule all involved will know about and keep to).

Tony Fehler suggests that the basis of Green Party organisation should be European/Regional rather than European/National/Regional.



Greensheet

Greensheet is the smart, printed, 10 page Newsletter of the Dorchester and Weymouth Green Party. They had a County Meeting in Wareham in August to present a united front to "everybody out there" on issues relevant to Dorset, and to share successes and failures amongst the groups in Dorset. (*Beth McCaffrey, Weymouth 783676*)

A Green Christmas Fair is being arranged in the Corn Exchange, Dorchester on Saturday 16th December at 11am. (*Ann Whitfield, Dorch 69431*)

A new look is emerging. On the 3rd Tuesday of the month the Party is going to have in depth sessions on policy areas (instead of visting speakers) and hope local campaigns will develop from this. The 1st Tuesday will continue to be the business meeting.

The Party are trying to attract *older members* and point out that young people are deeply concerned about the future.

BRIDPORT GREENS had an inaugural meeting on 3rd July and elected their first officers. The secretary is Audrey Urry (Bridport 24279), Treasurer Lilian Francis (Beaminster 862843), Membership Secretary Sue Jones (Bridport 25350).

In DORCHESTER the Secretary is Sarah Fry (Dorchester 67784) and the Treasurer Annie Yates (Dorchester 60840)

Water privatisation

An £18 million advertising campaign by the water authorities started on 6th September. Added to the earlier £22m warm up advertising campaign the total is now £40m and more is expected after privatisation in November. The government has soaked up the water industry's debts, the sum being about the expected profits (£6 million).

WHITEWASH

Have you ever wondered how your paper product gets to have that whiter-than-white clean look? 87% of the pulp imported is bleached unnaturally white using chlorine gas which produces highly dangerous chemicals including DIOXINS. Dioxin usually refers to (*Tetrachlorodibenzodioxin*) which is known to be THE MOST DANGEROUS CHEMICAL EVER PRODUCED. Even the minutest quantities have caused cancers & birth defects in animals. The Womens Environmental Network is campaigning for paper products, especially soft tissue paper products like sanitary towels, tampons and babies disposable nappies to be manufactured without chlorine bleaching.

(287 City Road, EC1V 1LA)

Ecotype

EAST DORSET Green Party have photographs in their newsletter and sell it at 30p.

The Secretary is Sarah Goodliffe, tel-690540.

Articles included sustainable economic growth and organic farming.

On Monday 23rd October Ulli and Roger Mumford are giving a talk on recycling at Greyfriars, Ringwood.

Wiltshire

WILTSHIRE Green Party Newsletter is put out by Sue Birley (Swindon 790438) who is the County Coordinator. The WGP having got over the "pretty terrif" Euro results had a county meeting in September, open to anyone, to help form an alternative structure plan, write a county manifesto and generally work as a county. SWINDON & DISTRICT had a county by-election coming up, SALISBURY a District by-election and in NORTH WILTS there will be an alternative fair at Chippenham in November.

The DEVIZES & MARLBOROUGH GP has now officially started.

IDEAS FOR GREEN ORGANIZATION

The August issue of the Bristol Green Party Newsletter contained some ideas on organisation which deserve a wider audience. Robert Lindsay said that the membership had doubled, but the number of activists had remained the same. The "main problem" was "lack of communication between activists and excluded members." Suggestions were as follows:

1) Detailed accounts should be published with every newsletter, along with who spent, donated & raised what.

2) Every new member should be sent a list of members, or those near him/her.

3) Activists should be informed of new members in their wards.

4) Actions taken over queries or problems should involve and inform members, not just the magnificent seven, but members of the excluded 100.

5) New posts should be created *as the need arises*, not just at the AGM (they could be formalised later at the AGM).

6) Meetings should partly be an opportunity to devolve responsibility. Ideally every new member should leave with at least one job to

do, and the gang of seven with at least one less to do. It is NOT a waste of time to explain party procedures and policies to new members.

7) *Candidates*. Instead of the same old Joe activist going forward, it could be rotated so that three different candidates stand for the county and city elections, thus gaining experience.

8) *Social events*. These are valuable for new and excluded members to get to know activists, we need a Social Secretary now, to keep things going over the summer.

TELEPHONE CALLS On their business line the Bristol Green Party found that out of 100 calls, 64 were from women, 14 were from outside the area. Most wanted general information or membership forms and offered help.

CONFERENCE ON POLLUTION

There will be a one day conference on Pollution of SW Rivers and Beaches at Plymouth Polytechnic on Saturday 14th October 1989, starting at 10.30. It is being arranged by the SW Environmental Protection Agency. The fee is £1.50 and details can be obtained from Liz Sigmund on (0208) 831401. There will be speakers from the new NRA, Greenpeace, a Water Analyst, a Farm Gas company and Plymouth Marine Laboratory.

ALF

1 IN 5 YOUTH SUPPORT ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT.

A survey by market research company Mkr for Sky magazine found that 20% of Britons in the 16-25 age group support the "terrorist campaigns" of the Animal Liberation Front as the "only way they will get attention for their cause." 45% of people in that age group support the ALF's aims but not its methods. In the 16-19 age group, 1 in four agree with the ALF campaigns. 9 out of 10 are concerned about the environment and 14% or 1.26 million people believe life on this planet will not last another 100 years.

Areas of particular concern are tropical rain forests, the ozone layer, test on animals, car pollution and cigarette smoking.

BE PREPARED I

GARTH MUTON of Mistletoe, Middlebrooks, Street., Somerset asks for everyone to be prepared for the General Election. A summary of his letter:-

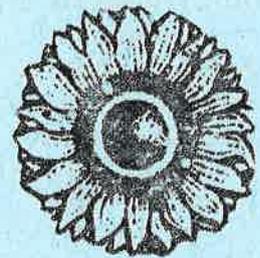
1) Establishing a method of selecting and then adopting a prospective candidate for the next general election.

2) Actively seeking publicity for the candidate at constituency level.

3) Raising money for a general election deposit and campaign.

4) Establishing a campaign organization, an agent, publicity officers, coordinators for party workers, leafletting, public meetings, etc.

He says the election is most likely to be in 2 years, but politics being what it is it could come at any time. The Earth can't afford for us to be inefficient. Be prepared!



GOING GREEN

"Since the fifties we have been going through the 'whiter than white' era. The fact that our streets are littered with filth, public transport is dirty and inefficient, public buildings are obscured by graffiti and our rivers run with polluted water - when they are not blocked with supermarket trolleys - seems to worry many of us very little. Just so long as our shirts are whiter than the next man or woman....."

HEALTH NOW aug '89

DIOXINS IN MILK

A New Zealand government study found that dioxins leached through bleached paper cartons into milk, despite the polythene lining on the inside. TetraPak and Purepak in New Zealand are changing their packaging, but have not expressed willingness to follow suit in the UK.

WOLVERHAMPTON CONFERENCE

The press came (though not, I think, the much vaunted 500 of them), they saw, they wrote us off! No, not quite, - there were some good reports in the papers, some of which we didn't deserve.

We got ourselves tied up in procedural bursis (our first voting session on Thursday spent two hours debating the Standing Orders Committee Report and nothing else). In the voting papers section Health, Pollution, Population, Travellers' Rights all went through. Only the Travellers' Rights paper needed taking as a whole since it was new policy.

SEVERNSIDE AREA

From the SW's point of view the most significant thing that happened was the passing of motion 63 which created the new Severnside Area with its own representative on Party Council (though it was touch and go!). Severnside now exists, and consists of the counties of Avon, Somerset and Gloucestershire, but unfortunately amendment 1 to the motion was not passed. This would have created the new Area of Wessex, incorporating Wiltshire, Dorset, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and left a new SW Area consisting only of Devon and Cornwall. We are now left, as a consequence, with the rather strange SW Area of Devon, Cornwall, Dorset and Wiltshire. However, I am reliably informed that Wiltshire and Dorset can discuss with other affected counties their Area reorganisation, and set up new Areas through Area Conferences which will avoid the need to discuss it at national Conference (apart from Party Council representation).

And now, as this will be my last contribution to the SW Area Newsletter, since Avon is no longer part of the SW Area, I say farewell, good luck and goodbye!

SW AREA CONFERENCE

Saturday 14th October at 10.30am. Despite the above creation of Severnside Area, the old SW Area group decided that the Area Conference booked for 14th October should go ahead as planned in order to wind things up and also to plan the two new areas.

This meeting will be held at Shepherds Hall, Old Market, Bristol at 10.30am till 4.30pm. Please could all counties and local parties in the old SW Area attend, as Sue Birley needs help with her sums!

Yours in Peace, Geoff Collard, Bristol.

New groups in Cornwall.

Contacts if you live in the following areas:

FOWEY Helen Grouas, 25, Daglands Road, Fowey, 0826 832132. Next meeting at "The Ship" PH Wednesday 11th October 1989 7.30pm. Public meeting Monday 20th November 7.30pm at Fowey Town Hall with David Oddie and the video of Jonathon Porritt.

LAUNCESTON Tina Pentney, Hopecote, 11, St. Stephens Hill, Lanson, 0566 3162.

NEWQUAY Alar Henderson, 36, Crantock ST., Newquay 878734. 0637

ST. BLAZEY Stella Enright, 3, Luxulyan Road, St. Blazey Gate, Par 6650.

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DECENTRALISATION WORKING GROUP

6 September 1989

Mark Kinzley
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Dear Area/County Party Secretary

The Decentralisation Working Group is writing to you for 4 reasons:

- 1 Some area parties are not content with the boundaries they currently have. We wish to collate this information from each area, and put to conference one motion redefining the boundaries of all area/county parties as they want them.

Please let us know as soon as possible whether the boundaries covered by your area party are in any way controversial, and whether you would wish to change them. Please tell us whether this is your personal view or whether you think there is widespread local feeling on this. Please consult locally in the near future, and write back to Mark Kinzley, see above.

- 2 We are collating information on the extent to which decentralisation is currently discussed in area/county parties. Please let us know whether your area/county party has discussed decentralisation of the Green Party. If not, would you consider doing so soon?
- 3 We have decided to offer speakers to talk to your meeting if you can pay expenses. Let us know if you want a speaker.
- 4 We are concerned about the guidelines for local party constitutions that have been circulated recently. These guidelines, even if passed at Conference, which is unlikely since they are far down the Agenda, would have recommended status only. In the meantime the Party has some previous guidelines in the local party starter pack, which we hope it will continue to send out.

We want to emphasise that there is a choice. Therefore we invite you to send us your own local party constitution if you think it may be of interest, for possible publication. If you have no constitution, please also tell us that, explaining how this works for you. Please send this to Ian Wingrove, 4 Holmside Court, Nightingale Lane, London SW12.

Finally, we take this opportunity to remind you that we now have a newsletter. Subscription costs £2pa payable to Steve Dawe, 12 Clyde Street, Kent, CT1 1NA

Mark Kinzley

Area Meeting

Next area meeting will be on **Saturday October 14th, 11am - 5pm at Shepherds Hall, Old Market, Bristol (Near Evening Post Building).**

Agenda :

- 1) Introduction and welcome.
- 2) Minutes of previous meeting.
- 3) Area Officers' reports.
- 4) Budget motions :

"That with the Area membership now more than double its 1988 figure, the expenses limit reclaimable from Area Funds for Area Officers and County Co-ordinators be raised from £ 100 to £ 200 per year".

Prop. J. McMillan.

"That the local party start-up grant be raised from £ 25 to £ 50 for local parties as defined by the Green Party constitution with effect from 1st September 1989."

Prop. J. McMillan.

- 5) Area organisation and lack of constitution.

- 6) Motion from Derek Wall :

"The Green Party is now the major force in the South West for political change, in the Euros we stunned ourselves by picking up second place in Devon, Somerset, Dorset and the Cotswolds, to retain our vote we have to become more effective, more efficient and more democratic. We as local party members need to maintain far better contact with Party Council and be in a position to place more respect with than ever before. To this end :

1. The South West rep. on party council should be elected annually by all members of the Green Party in the south-west through a process of STV with the reopen nomination option for all candidates.
2. All candidates should be fully paid up local members and be asked to supply a 400 word statement with the appropriate edition of the South West Newsletter.
- 3 All candidates should be invited to a husting at an appropriate South West Conference.
4. The rep should supply a report of GPC for each issue of the SW Newsletter, so as to be accountable to her or his constituency.
5. The South-West region should write for other copies of other Green Party regional constitutions so as to explore ways of working in as directly democratic and decentralised way as possible.
6. Nominations for the 1989/90 Party Council rep. should be opened as soon as is practically possible.
7. The Green Party in the South-West sees no contradiction between decentralization and efficiency, accountability and effectiveness and rejects centralized / undemocratic / ungreen ways of working.
8. We reaffirm our commitment to doing things differently from the other ungreen Parties.

I hope this gives a practical basis for developing a more democratic relationship with Party Council, whether or not Severnside emerges, giving us something in the interim before we develop a perfectly thought out constitution.

Prop. D. Wall

Am 1. Delete sections 4,5,7,8. Prop J. McMillan.

7. Election of officers.
8. Local elections 1990 - reports from counties.
9. Selection of Prospective Parliamentary Candidates.
10. Any Other Business.

Please note that new motions, amendments and prioritisation may all take place at the meeting itself, which is open to all Green Party members. Please could you let Geoff Collard (see contacts list) know how many from your local party are likely to come.

Lostwithiel & District Green Party

Since its inception less than 6 months ago Lostwithiel and District Green Party has developed a strong link with the local community. Members set up a monthly paper/cardboard collection which last month gathered over 5 tonnes of material - a good effort for a community of some 2000 people. A recent exhibition entitled "How Green is our valley?" attracted a steady stream of visitors. Meanwhile group members are working on a proposal for at-source waste reclamation and recycling, to submit to the District Council. Future plans include the establishment of a can bank in Lostwithiel.

YVONNE CRAM 0208 872230

GP Branches in Devon

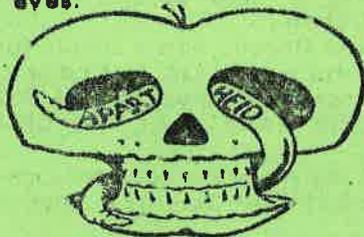
Established branches are at Exeter (120 members), South Hams (100), Plymouth, East Devon, North Dartmoor, North Devon (Bideford) and Teignbridge.

New branches have started or are starting at Torbay, Bere Alston, Culm Valley (Cullompton), Tiverton and Tavistock.

RAY VAIL 0392 215969

ALL CORNWALL MEETING.

A meeting for the whole of Cornwall is being arranged at St. Piran's Hall, St. Austell Street, Truro, on Thursday 26th October 1989 at 8pm. If any member wishes to put an item on the Agenda for this meeting please let Howard Hoptraugh know at 11, Belgravia Street, Penzance, or phone John Carley on 0872 865566 eyes.



DON'T BUY APARTHEID

STOP PRESS WELLS GP

Wells constituency GP meeting Monday 9th October 8pm at Wells Town Hall.

New contact Carol Carnali, 39, Chilkwell St., Glastonbury, 0458 3135353. (replaces Jennifer Snelling from Mendip).

BOYCOTT NESTLE

At the Wolverhampton Conference, David Icke made a rousing appeal for a boycott of all Nestle products. Nestle are supplying free baby milk powder to maternity units in the third world, and often supply a free pack on leaving. The mothers are then unable to breast feed and because of a lack of clean water supplies babies are becoming ill and many dying. Also, many succumb to malnutrition because the feed is too expensive for them. A quarter of the five million babies killed by diarrhoea alone in the Third World could be saved if the mothers were encouraged to breast feed.

Exeter Green Party

Exeter GP are asking Exeter City Council to prosecute SW Water over frequent pollution of the River Exe. They are also asking people to withhold 5% of their water rate due to the political advertising in the run up to privatisation. They suggest environmentalists buy a minimal share in the Water Companies so they can ask questions at Company AGMs. Exeter Tory MP John Hannam turned down an invitation to an open debate with the Green Party on the Tory Central Office leaflet attacking the Green Party.

The Exeter GP Newsletter is now printed, and goes to 500 people and is paid for entirely by advertising. On the 9th September a Green Fayre with 40 stalls attracted over 1000 people who left NO litter. It was a good fund raiser for the Exeter GP who benefitted by £500.

Ray Vail warns there are some new so-called "recycled papers" coming on the market just to take advantage of green concerns. There are no legal standards for recycled paper. Look for membership of ARPS. "Arden" is a 100% recycled duplication paper. Keep it in a warm room, ie dry.

SE Cornwall GP On the move.

On Wednesday 13th September the Green Party held a well attended meeting in Liskeard to launch a SE Cornwall Constituency Branch. The meeting was addressed by David Oddie, of the Calstock branch, who outlined the urgent need for the Green Party's existence and activities. It was then followed by an open discussion about the nature of the Green Party and its structure and policies. An ad hoc committee was set up to establish a party organization which would support the established and newly forming groups in the area, raise fighting funds and build up membership. At present there are branches in Calstock, Lostwithiel and new groups forming in St. Blazey, Fowey, Liskeard.

With new branches in the pipeline for Launceston and Newquay things are also on the move in North Cornwall.

DAVID ODDIE 0822 833139

Eco Echo

Eco Echo from the BATH Green Party always has some wonderful drawings on the front page, and a beautiful drawing on the back page of a Bath with greens growing in it and leaves trailing over the side!

The magazine has adverts for wholefoods, bicycle shops, cafes, and women woodworkers. Jay Risbridger pointed out that *"only effective scrutiny and involvement by local people can protect"* the vital environmental resource of water. Duncan McCanlis welcomed the new National Rivers Body, but notes a separate body could be set up whilst keeping water under local authority control.

An interesting feature of Eco Echo is the cartoon strip of 'He-Person', 'a super-macho' male stereotype.

LABELLING

Duncan McCanlis met with Chris Patten and learnt that the government had no plans for labelling tropical hardwoods to show if they came from a sustainable source *"as it would be too difficult to implement"*. Duncan asks *"too difficult to take the steps necessary to save the world?"* But of course *"Mr.Patten is a past master in presenting issues that require a political value judgement as matters that can be decided by pseudo-scientific analysis"*.

Earlier this year BATH GP was reorganised into 6 working groups. The working groups have convenors who elected by all the members and the 6 sit on the local party council together with the Press Officer, Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

The convenor of a working group sets a date, but the meetings are open to all members to contribute. All major proposals go to the Council for approval or rejection.

All *Officers* of Bath GP are elected by postal ballot.

the green party

The Green Party was founded in 1973 as the Ecology Party changing its name in 1983. It can, however trace its origins back through various groups to the 17th century.

St.Ives GP

St.Ives Constituency Green Party are very happy to report that HOWARD HOPTROUGH was elected to Penzance Town Council on 17th August, polling 161 votes to 95 for the other candidate, who stood as an independent. There is another election called for a vacancy in the South Ward of Penzance Town Council for 19th October, and we hope to field a candidate.

(Howard Hoptrough
0736 63008)

THE CARNIVORE KING

New research on the diet of Henry 8th says his diet was 5 parts beef, 2 parts venison and the rest mostly alcohol. This not only gave him scurvy, sores, fevers, coughs and inflammations, but modern knowledge of nutrition shows that ignoring fresh fruit and vegetables produced mood swings, irritability and irrationality. That is an unpredictable, brutal despot. Henry had bad advice and a book of the time, "Castel of Helth" said fruits "do ingender ylle humors and be oftetymes the cause of putrified fevers, if they be moche and continually eaten".

SUNDAY TIMES 3.0.89
& HISTORY TODAY MAGAZINE.



Greenlines

Greenlines from NORTH DEVON Green Party is different to most other Green Party Newsletters in being mostly photocopies of interesting newspaper articles. Peter Christie (Bideford 73577), who attained 53,200 votes and second place in Devon says *"we are now the only real alternative"*. Membership has shot up and there are three new Local Parties in Devon.

In mid September North Devon Greens had a picnic lunch on Exmoor with some beautiful walks. On Thursday 19th October a leading expert from the University of Wales will be giving a talk on ACID RAIN at NORTH DEVON COLLEGE.

BIDEFORD Green Party will meet on Monday 16th October, Wednesday 8th November and Tuesday 28th November.

On 17th October Devon County Council will be debating a motion to ban the use of tropical hardwoods (which haven't been produced in a sustainable way). Members in Devon are asked to lobby their county councillors NOW.

The SW Green Party has set up an education working group. They hope to meet every 6 months to discuss Green Education Policy. Contact Viv Rosser, Exmouth 267885 if you are interested in contributing.



Next issue

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GREEN PARTY COUNCIL

The Green Party Council (GPC) met in Birmingham on 22-23rd July. The minutes cover 33 typed pages, and the various other papers are at least as many pages again. You can subscribe and have them all sent to you regularly. GPC passed by consensus that *"The implication of accepting the Green-grey separation firmly divorces this party from ideological alignment with other parties or ideologies. We therefore reiterate our commitment that we are not left, right nor centre, but GREEN."*

Looking to the future it was also agreed by consensus that the Green Party has to have more paid staff. Liz Crosbie was instrumental in setting up a new *Communications Committee* and with Management Committee is doing a feasibility study on setting up GP Publishing in conjunction with Ecotrade.

A letter from Penny Kemp in Econews 45 caused a very long discussion which I find impossible to summarise, but it ended with a vote of *no confidence* in Penny Kemp as a co-chair of GPC. She has subsequently said she will be resigning her position at Conference. The issue is complex.

By-elections were discussed and GPC passed by consensus that *"GPC strongly advises any Local Party planning to contest a Parliamentary by-election to consult with GPC Election Committee and Media Committee for help, support and advice before candidate selection takes place."*

GPC supported the principle that for Euro Green Coordination the green group in Europe only favours collaboration with Green Parties.

GPC is more of an organisational body, rather than policy, and there were agenda items on the Conference arrangements, a computerised Treasurer's report with hundreds of figures, committee requests for funds, and Econews. The SW Area representative on GPC is Duncan McCanlis who has done some truly amazing amount of work.

(REPORT BY TED CHAPMAN)

SW AREA DEVOLUTION

A new Area of Severnside was brought into being by Conference.

There are actions that we need to take.

I sent out a letter in August to all LP's in Severnside. The feedback I had was that it would all be too hurried and confused as we didn't know what would be happening to the other Areas affected in the proposal, ie South Central and North Thames - so wouldn't know who should be voting for whom.

As it happened the amendments to our motion regarding the other Areas were referred back. Their reorganisation therefore is left for them to sort out themselves.

This leaves the South West with the relatively simple task of electing two new Area Reps., plus Membership/Treasurers - for the South West: (now Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Wiltshire) and Severnside: (now Somerset, Avon and Gloucestershire).

I am aware that what follows is something of an individual decision, but having consulted widely, feel that there is consensus in spirit. If anyone has any problems please let me know.

The other ideas in my letter were acceptable, so I propose the following:

1. This Newsletter is the official request for nominations for the following posts:

- i) South West Area Representative to GP Council.**
- ii) South West Area Treasurer/Membership Secretary.**
- iii) Severnside Representative to GP Council.**
- iv) Severnside Treasurer/Membership Secretary.**

SOUTH WEST - Send to Jamie McMillan, 9, Little Britain, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1NN, Tel:0305 67904.

SEVERNSIDE - Send to Pete Hardman, 2, Hungerford Road, Bath, BA1 3BU. Tel:0226 333777.

Nominations should be signed by the nominee and by two paid-up members of the UK Party as nominator and seconder.

Closing date to be the next meeting, 14th October.

2. All posts to be filled by postal ballot of all Area members - to be formally ratified at the next Area meeting in Bristol. The address and venue are elsewhere in this newsletter.

This will be our last joint Area meeting so we can say goodbye to each other and hold our separate meetings as well.

3. If there are more than two candidates for any post, then voting shall be by STV. Negative voting should be allowed.

4. If the Treasurer/Membership Secretary posts get no nominations, then I suggest we vote in someone at the Area meeting - and any other officers the Area needs.

One point I would like to make is that the job of Area Rep. is not to represent the Area on GPC, but is the Area's contribution to the UK Party. Any nominees should be willing to put in around a half a dozen hours a week; more if you become a Committee Convener.

With hope and purpose, Duncan McCanlis, September 1989.