

## **North Norfolk Green Party November 2024 meeting**

### **Minutes**

#### 1. Attendees and Apologies

Those present: Liz Dixon, Stephen Green, Mike Ward, Kate Grant, Ray Mooney, Paul Sutcliffe, Bryonie Jones and Chris Jones

Attendance via Zoom: None

Apologies: Clare Wilson, Edmund Wright, Anne & Mike Filgate and Susan Brocklehurst.

#### 2. Previous minutes: Agreed

3. Matters arising: Liz and Stephen meet with Alex and agreed to concentrate on Fakenham for 2025 Norfolk County Council Election because not part of North ~Norfolk Constituency therefore not a priority for LibDems.

#### 4. Norfolk County Elections.

Leafletting hopefully finished by 25th November.

Action Plan: 14th December 10:00 hrs meeting at Flour and Bean cafe Fakenham prior to canvassing. Same meeting point second Saturday of each month: 11 Jan, 8 Feb, 8 March. Tories will be main opposition in Fakenham and therefore all resources will be targeted to this seat and no money left for any other. Aim to stand 10 candidates across the County, currently have 8 volunteers. Currently have 4 Green County Councillors, if we can get 9 councillors then party would receive funding from council for staff.

#### 5. Finance:

Currently have £1489.49 in current account but Lloyds to start charging £5 per month plus transaction charges. Mike to look at benefits of changing bank. Liz to ensure Branch website ([northnorfolk.green.party.org.uk](http://northnorfolk.green.party.org.uk)) donation button directs any monies to branch account, not the national party's account.

#### 6. Regional AGM:

Was attended via Zoom by Liz & Stephen. Long meeting most of which was procedural and demonstrated that democracy takes time and money but is worth it. Interesting that the Labour Leader attacked Adrian Ramsey for being a NIMBY about the use of electricity pylons for the new green grid instead of researching the cost / benefits of laying cables underground, totally ignoring the fact that a neighbouring Labour MP has raised the same concerns.

#### 7. News for web:

Mike Ward presented a presentation about the need for a more organic approach to farming for social justice and environmental reasons. He also covered the madness of covering prime agricultural land with solar panels when so much roof space is available,

and the total scam of growing food to be used for bio fuel and exempted where one farmer used 225,000 litres of diesel to transport the food to anabolic digesters. Stephen asked for data ref and Robert will then post on our website.

7. Zoom presentation:

Guest speakers were Georgina Wright, Susan Kerrison and David Howdle-Smith who gave a presentation on marine & coastal policy. The need to influence policy and sea level rise and the need to provide a plan to encourage and financially enable people to move from impacted areas. Their presentation will be available to download.

8. AOB:

Ray received a reply from email he sent to our sitting MP with ref to the up coming vote on assisted dying who indicated that he is of a mind to support

Meeting Closed: 21:00

Next meeting 19 December, 7pm Mike Bossingham's House: The Old Forge, Corner Street, Cromer NR27 9HW. This will be a more social event, a time to chat and reflect on a very good year for the Party. Please bring food and drink to share.