

North Norfolk Green Party
3rd APRIL 2025 meeting minutes

1. Those present: Liz Dixon, Stephen Green, Ray Mooney & Mike Bossingham, Edmund Wright and Steve Marsh

Attendance via Zoom: None

Apologies:

Mike Ward, Clare Wilson and Simon Russell

2. Previous minutes:

Agreed

3. Matters arising:

All matters covered by agenda items

4. Holt By-election:

Tory Councillor resigned therefore NNDC has called By-election for the 1st May. Simon Russell has agreed to be our candidate. LibDems hold the other seat in this two-seat ward, and are going to campaign hard here. It was decided not to campaign in Holt but to put our energy into helping Norwich GP keeping the two Green seats in Norwich and try for another in Norwich being Bowthorpe.

5. Target seat Fakenham Game Plan:

Produce our next Newsletter with a shared front page but a separate back page for Fakenham and deliver to every home in the constituency. We need more volunteers for leafletting and canvassing. After May 1 we will resume canvassing.

6. Return of stalls?

Because the entire local government across Suffolk and Norfolk has still not been agreed, it was decided that we would wait for up to date advice from Eastern Region Green Party. We are assuming a mayoral election next year and that there will be material from the region to deliver.

7. News letter:

Liz has produced a draft news letter and has asked for obs and any more items.

8. Finance report:

Mike Bossingham reported that our balance stands at £1717.74. He said that he had approached the CO-OP bank seeking free banking but was turned down because we are a political party not a charity. He recommended keeping our account at Lloyds even

though it will cost £5 per month because changing bank would mean asking every donor to change their standing order. This would inevitably lose more income than the cost of running the account. This was agreed.

9. Two news stories for the web:

Mike Bossingham agreed to do a piece on the impact of the benefit cuts on debit charities and the fact that these charities are having to cut jobs because of increased employers NI contributions starting this month. Ray agreed to do a piece on the fact that North Walsham's community pantry is expanding across a number of localities because of increased need and highlight the Green Party's policy of taxing the rich not the poor.

Guest speaker:

We were joined by Tony Firkins who outlined the work being done on the Green Party's policies on Planetary Boundaries including tipping points and total carbon budgets etc. Tony agreed to share the links he used and was thanked for his helpful presentation. Do watch this TED talk, very sobering and re-enforces all the reasons we should be taking climate change very seriously...https://www.ted.com/talks/johan_rockstrom_the_tipping_points_of_climate_change_and_where_we_stand?subtitle=en

Meeting closed at 20:55

Next meeting 15th May 7pm Sheringham Community Centre.