

TRAFFORD GREEN VIEW

What will 2011 bring for Trafford ?

TRAFFORD GREEN PARTY is celebrating three years of local action. We have taken a lead in campaigns, for example, for much better recycling facilities and against the Mega Tesco in Old Trafford. We continually challenge Trafford council and have already helped to ensure that it has a plan for local food for the future. We stand candidates in every ward at local elections. In the General Election last year we had a candidate in Stretford and Urmston. We are now working with Friends of the Earth to persuade Trafford Council to set 40% target for carbon emissions - see more information overleaf or www.traffordgreens.org.uk.

But **THE GREEN PARTY** is not just an environmental campaigning group. We are concerned about social justice, equality and peace and want fundamental change to the way our world is organised. We believe we need campaigns on the ground, but also change in the system internationally, in the parliamentary system and in local government. **THE GREEN PARTY** nationally is working for these changes at all levels. We now have over 100 councillors across the country, 2 London Assembly members, 2 MSPs and 2 MEPs - and now our FIRST GREEN MP IN WESTMINSTER, CAROLINE LUCAS.

THE GREEN PARTY stands for job creation as part of a green new deal, a free national health service for all, fair taxation and changes to the way we vote and run our parliament. We believe perpetual economic growth is not possible or desirable. We want to see the earth and all its people respected. See www.steadystate.org



TRAFFORD GREEN PARTY will

Time for something New

A HAPPY AND GREENER YEAR FROM TRAFFORD GREEN PARTY

Inspiration from Kirklees, Norwich and Oxford

KIRKLEES HOME INSULATION

Thanks to the work of **GREEN COUNCILLORS** Kirklees Warm Zone scheme, which recently won the Ashden award for the best local authority sustainable energy scheme, is the largest council home insulation scheme in the UK. It offers free loft and cavity wall insulation to EVERY household in Kirklees.



NORWICH COUNCIL
is almost a **GREEN** council Lab 16 Green

OXFORD GREEN ENERGY

GREEN COUNCILLORS in Oxford have switched the City Council electricity supply to green energy and secured £100,000 towards a renewable energy supply company...amongst other things ...see www.greenoxford.com

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FAIR IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

the news you don't hear

Internationally

ROMANIA LEADS THE WAY

Transylvania has maintained traditional farming methods for hundreds of years, and finally its model of under-development is attracting the interest of policy makers! Thanks to the work of a local organisation ADEPT, these so called "old fashioned" farming methods are increasingly appreciated as vital for Europe's future. Instead of being seen as irrelevant, small-scale farms are beginning to be seen as valuable for food and landscape, with massive benefits for flood and fire control, biodiversity and mitigation against climate change. SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL!

(Thanks to The Ecologist - see www.theecologist.org)

Nationally

CAROLINE IS A DIFFERENT VOICE

For several years when an MEP, **Caroline Lucas** was voted Ethical Politician of the Year. As our **FIRST EVER GREEN MP**, **Caroline** has been active in promoting green policy. She argues that the deficit can and should be brought down through ways other than cuts to jobs. She proposes progressive taxation on the highest earners; cleaning up the yearly £100bn of tax avoidance; introducing a Robin Hood tax on the banks and investing in a million NEW climate jobs to tackle Climate Change. **Caroline** believes these "tough" choices would put the economy back on track, put us in a strong position to combat the climate disaster and put the bill for the crisis on the shoulders of those who actually caused it - big business and bankers. Find out more about her work in parliament at www.carolinelucas.com or follow her on Twitter.

Regionally

BEWARE

The coalition government has given the go-ahead for 3 NEW nuclear power stations at Sellafield, Heysham and on the Isle of Anglesey. All political parties support these developments apart from the Green Party. In Lancaster **GREEN COUNCILLOR, PROFESSOR JOHN WHITELEGG**, opposed nuclear power as expensive, dangerous, high risk, usually over budget, delivered several years late and associated with serious health risks. He argued that we need energy conservation and should support wind and wave power and other renewable energy technologies, all of which have far greater potential to create jobs and minimise

Locally

SIGN THE POSTCARDS

Climate change is happening and local authorities must act - and quickly. Friends of the Earth want the whole of Greater Manchester to work to a 40% reduction in carbon emissions by 2020. Manchester and Stockport have already agreed to do this. Local authorities can and should tackle climate change and develop jobs in renewable energy and insulation at the same time. **YOU CAN HELP**, so make sure you, and as many of your friends and neighbours as possible, have signed the campaign postcards. Get in touch NOW for supplies on 865 6064 or at traffordgreenparty@gmail.com.

INVESTIGATE PEEL ENERGY

Trafford Green Party members were involved in the protest against the incinerator in Davyhulme. Given the fact that John Whittaker, Peel Energy owner, regularly avoids payment of tax whenever he can, as reported in the Guardian 12/1/11 and lives on the isle of Man, we have little faith in his commitment to this area. So, although we do very much want to have locally sourced renewable energy, we are concerned about large scale incineration which could potentially emit dangerous particulates into the air and also significantly increase the traffic across our area and so cause even greater emissions. We want to see priority given to reducing waste, increased recycling, local composting and energy conservation and investigation of technologies such as plasma gasification. See <http://www.breathecleanairgroup.co.uk> for more information.

ACT LOCALLY

GREENS believe in thinking global and acting local and so many Green Party members are involved in all sorts of activities in their locality. Make it your new year's resolution to get involved in your neighbourhood through groups like Friends of Bowdon Bollin; Friends of Denzil Gardens; Transition Town Altrincham, Hale and Bowdon; Rylands Kitchen Garden, Longford Park's new community allotment; Glebelands in Ashton on Mersey and Friends of the Bridgewater Canal. Action for Sustainable Living and other friends groups are always looking for volunteers in your area. See www.afsl.org.uk or contact us.

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BRITAIN'S GROWING ALTERNATIVE POLITICAL PARTY

www.greenparty.org.uk

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