



GREEN LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Getting on with Going Green

Green Liberal Democrats Conference 2013

Agenda:

- 10.00 am** **Registration:** Coffee/tea/water/juice biscuits
- 10.30 am** Mary Page – Conference Facilitator – fire exits/mobiles/photos/ Agenda etc
hashtag #GLDconf13
- 10.35 am** **Steve Bradley - GLD Chair** - Getting on with Going Green
- 10.40 am** **Prof Jim Longhurst - UWE** – Greening the Next Generation
- 10.50 am** **Merlin Hyman Regen SW** – Going, Going Green
Breadth and vitality of the Renewable energy sector in the SW (UK?)
- 11.00 am** **Ed Davey MP SoS DECC** – 3 Es - Economy, Environment & Energy
How the LDs should be as well known for their expertise and safe handling of Energy and the economy as they are for the Environment. TBC
- 11.10 am** **Steve Bradley Chair Q & A** (Mary facilitator with roving mic) - Ed Davey, Merlin Hyman, Prof Longhurst
- 11.30 am** **Coffee & Comfort break**
- 11.40 am** **Workshop sessions Economy/Environment/Energy:**
(Ed Davey to rotate through all 3 sessions)
- Shouldn't all tax be Green?** Green taxes plus Business invitee(s) – How could tax & the economy drive green jobs? Inc. Carbon levy + dividend. Solicitor/Tax specialist?)
LDMP: Stephen Williams MP **GLD lead: Karen Wilkinson**
- Free-riding the Green Wave?** - Business/innovation in Wave, Wind and Tidal) technology with Merlin Hyman (Marine Energy Park) Rupert Armstrong Evans – Reef technology & fish friendly turbines plus other business invitees tbc – The cost of energy generation without the environment paying the price.
LDMP: Tessa Munt MP **GLD lead: Peter Tyzack**
- Costing the earth?** How can we attribute true value to our natural shared earth resources: the true essence of sustainable living by effectively counting the cost of providing access to water, food (production), built environment, etc Baroness Parminter , Trevor Nott?
LDMP: Don Foster MP **GLD lead: Mia Hadfield-Spoor**
- 12.45 pm** **Workshop feedback** GLD facilitators/MPs – Chair Peter Tyzack

- 1.00 pm Lunch ~ 1 hour (inc. drop in session on EGM points with Karen Wilkinson)**
- 2.00 pm Steve Bradley to introduce Baroness Parminter intro to Graham Watson MEP video to set scene for Act Local to Protect Global**
- 2. 10 pm Member Workshops – use breakout rooms and main hall ~ 1hour 20mins (Each session with mini Speeches – 2 or 3 x 5min sessions) - From people invited to set discussion points. GLD lead to ensure member contributions**
- 1) Food and drink for all? – How we prevent food/water shortages! Africa & SE Asia with Brian Matthews and Trevor Nott Water projects in Papua New Guinea on this Baroness Parminter GLD Lead Simon Oliver**
 - 2) Buildings and Byelaws - Sustainable Development/planning/building regs providing housing without concreting the green belt.
Don Foster MP GLD Lead Peter Tyzack**
 - 3) Jam-busting the Transport Myths – Fact or fiction - All we need is better public transport (to reduce driving/traffic)? Does shared space and permeable streets really encourage walking and cycling? – flexible transport systems – or should more of us work from home in 10 years time?
Dr. Steve Melia UWE GLD Lead Steve Bolter**
 - 4) Community Energy - Peter Capener from Bath & West Community Energy is on the DECC panel for community energy Rupert Armstrong Evans micro hydro Stephen Williams MP GLD Lead Karen Wilkinson**
 - 5) Your Green Session – chosen by attendees in the morning by ballot if required**
- 3.30 pm Comfort break & refreshments**
- 3.45 pm GLD Leads Feedback from workshops – facilitator Susan Heinrich**
- 4.15 pm Plenary Session closing speech Ed Davey – ‘I have been listening!’ Ie: What the world would look like with LibDems Getting on with Going Green future.**
- 4.25 pm Steve Bradley GLD Chair’s Closing remarks based on summary/highlights of day’s workshops**
- 4.30 pm Close**
- 5.00 pm GLD EGM Closed session**

Appendix Conference theme inspiration and Biogs:

Conference inspiration from:

<http://www.businessgreen.com/bg/james-blog/2255238/the-lib-dems-have-the-opportunity-to-deliver-a-green-legacy-they-must-seize-it>

Speaker Biogs/Credentials:

Merlin Hyman CEO Regen SW <http://www.regensw.co.uk/>

Merlin Hyman is responsible for the overall management of Regen SW, the development of its work programme, relationships with key regional and national partners, and for providing public leadership for sustainable energy. He has led Regen's successful transition from public funding to an independent centre of expertise in renewable energy; driving forward ground-breaking projects that demonstrate what can be achieved and unlock new investment in the sector.

Merlin was previously a director of the Environmental Industries Commission (EIC), where he championed the views of the environmental technology and services industry to the government. He helped lead the debate about how to ensure that British companies succeed in the rapidly growing worldwide market for low-carbon products and services. Merlin holds an MSc from Lancaster University in European Environmental Policy, and an Honours Degree from the University of Bristol.

Prof Jim Longhurst UWE Assistant Vice Chancellor Environment & Sustainability PhD, MSc, BSc (Hons), F.I.Env.Sc, FHEA, FWIGB, C.Env, C.Sci.

<http://people.uwe.ac.uk/Pages/person.aspx?accountname=campus%5Cj-longhurst>

Jim is Professor of Environmental Science, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Environment and Sustainability and Associate Dean for Learning, Teaching and the Student Experience in the Faculty of Environment and Technology (FET). He is a Co-Director of the Institute for Sustainability, Health and Environment, UWE project manager for the Environmental Technologies iNet, director of the Air Quality Management Resource Centre and leader of the Knowledge Exchange for Sustainability Education initiative. Jim plays a significant role in the university's Sustainability Board and was one of the authors of UWE's Sustainability Strategy. He is helping lead the development of the University's new Sustainability Plan for 2013 -2020. In his role as co director of ISHE Jim provides cross-university leadership in research, knowledge exchange and programme development in sustainability, health and environment. His national roles include Vice President and Company Secretary of the UK Institution of Environmental Sciences and member of the HEA Education for Sustainable Development Advisory Group. He is a former chair of the GEES Subject Centre Advisory Board, the QAA Benchmarking Panel for environment and the GWR Sustainability Panel. He has served as a Director of Society for the Environment and the Science Council. His biographical details were first included in Who's Who in 2004. His research has been supported by many sources including the EPSRC, ESRC, NERC, DEFRA, the Environment Agency and his career research and consultancy income is approximately £8 million.

Rupert Armstrong Evans: <http://www.evans-engineering.co.uk/>

Rupert built the micro hydro plant for the Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales and has been involved in the development of both micro hydro and marine hydro around UK inshore waters since the early 1970's. He is currently involved with setting up a trial for his fish friendly turbines for use in low head flow settings, which will produce vital information for the development of low head barrages

Peter Capener: Board member Regen SW

Peter is Chair of Bath & West Community Energy is on the DECC panel for community energy. Peter has worked in the sustainable energy field for nearly 25 years, including seven years as Chief Executive of the Centre for Sustainable Energy. Since resigning from CSE in 2002 due to family illness, Peter has worked as an independent advisor on a range of energy efficiency, renewable energy and fuel poverty projects for various private, public and voluntary sector clients. Peter was instrumental in setting south west regional and sub-regional renewable energy targets and the development of regional renewable energy and energy efficiency strategies. As well as working locally with communities on energy issues, Peter is chair of [Bath Community Energy](#), a community enterprise and has been involved in many national community support initiatives. Peter is also judge for the Ashden Trust's UK Sustainable Energy Award, a trustee of the [Centre for Sustainable Energy](#) and a council member for the Energy Efficiency Partnership for Homes. Peter has an MSc in Energy Resource Management.

Brian Mathew

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Advisor at Freelance Aid Worker / Engineer

Past

WASH Advisor at World Vision

WASH Advisor at CARE

WASH Advisor (for the National Sanitation Policy - Malawi) at MWH Global

Education

Cranfield University

Reading University

Silsoe College

Dr Steve Melia

Steve Melia is a Senior Lecturer in Transport and Planning. His research interests have mainly focused on the interaction between the two, generating some original concepts such as 'filtered permeability' and the 'paradox of intensification' (Melia et al 2011). His PhD concerned the potential for car-free development in the UK. This combined observational case studies in a number of European countries with surveys and interviews of potential house movers in the UK. He has advised UK Government departments on Eco-towns and the Olympic Park Legacy Company on the future development of the London Olympics site.