



# Green Policy Guide

## Birmingham 2011

*\* Please note that the times are subject to change and actual times of debates will appear on Conference extra and Conference daily*

### Saturday 17th September 2011

#### 17:00 - F7 Report of the Federal Executive

GLD is asking why the detail of the minor compliance issue not made clear in this report when motion F30 provides information on the matter.

*[Late questions - 26 words on matter arising after 5th September by 16:00 Saturday]*

### Sunday 18th September 2011

#### 10:00 - F12 Reports of the Parliamentary Parties of the Liberal Democrats

The Commons report notes Chris Huhne's contribution in energy efficiency and consumer protection plus the Energy Bill. In the Lords and Commons Party Committee lists Energy and Environment appear under DECC and DERF respectively.

The Lords report notes the welcome reception for the Energy Bill.

The European Report reveals that 4 of our 12 MEPs have been actively involved in green matters.

*[Questions - 26 words by 18:00 on Saturday]*

### Monday 19th September 2011

#### 10.50 - F24 Facing the Future: (Policy Development Agenda Policy Paper)

The motion's specific:-

re-affirmation of the values F of sustainability and G of global threats; recognition of needs i) environmentally sustainable economy and iii) tackling climate change; and policy development priorities b) sustainable growth and jobs, l) zero carbon Britain and m) sustainable of resources;

which are important to the purpose of GLD..

However, the motion also welcomes the paper as a whole, which includes in 2.1.15 a commitment to "strong competition" and in 2.1.16 a vision of "sustainability achieved by strong growth", without defining growth; without considering the possibility that strong growth and sustainability are mutually incompatible; and without critical consideration of the assumption that economic growth is an essential element of the Quality of Life. [F31]

*[4 minute speeches, 1 minute interventions]  
[Separate votes by 09:00 Sunday]*

#### 15:15 - F27 Question & Answer Nick Clegg

*[Questions - 26 words by 12:40 on Monday]*

**16:00 - F28 Preparing the Ground:  
Stimulating Growth in the Digital  
Economy  
(Information Technology Policy Paper)**

The motion fails to mention IT's potential to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by reducing commuting and other travel.

It also fails to mention the urgent need to bring broadband to the many rural communities that are without it, or to acknowledge that in rural areas the potential for IT to reduce car travel, and to combat social deprivation and isolation, is a maximum.

*[4 minute speeches, 1 minute interventions]*

*[Separate votes 09:00 Sunday]*

**17:30 - F30 Recognition of Specified A  
O and Associated Organisations**

5a A draft of the Green Liberal Democrats' accounts been submitted to the Party, but requires formal approval by the AGM on Tuesday evening before our continued AO status can be confirmed.

*[3 minute speeches]*

*[Separate votes 09:00 Sunday]*

**Tuesday 20th September 2011**

**12:20 - F37 Speech by Chris Huhne  
Secretary of State for Energy and  
Climate Change**

**14:30 - F38 A Green Stimulus for  
Economic Recovery**

A positive focussed motion which supports green growth and sustainable economic prosperity.

Some items of detail may be controversial, so members may wish to suggest separate votes on issues that they fear could impede the chances of success of the whole motion. (Info. Line 35 refers to UK Trade and Investment, and the Export Credits Guarantee Department)

*[4 minute speeches]*

*[Separate votes by 09:00 Monday]*

**15:50 - F40 A New Purpose for Politics:  
Quality of Life (Policy Paper)**

Although this is not an environmental paper it acknowledges the limitations of simply increasing economic prosperity and sets out other important ways of contributing to the quality of life.

Lines 82- 86 are on environmental matters relating to planning and public land.

*[4 minute speeches]*

*[Separate votes by 09:00 Sunday]*

**Wednesday 21st September 2011**

**10:35 - F 46 Question and Answer  
Session on International Issues**

The panel will include Paddy Ashdown, Chair of the Humanitarian Emergency Response Review. This provides an opportunity for questions on climate change induced emergencies.

*[Questions < 26 words by 18:00 on Tuesday]*

**GREEN LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AGM**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
Jurys Inn, Room 103  
8.00-9.19pm**

**Speakers Catherine Bearder MEP  
All members welcome. Refreshments served.**

***Followed by a group meal afterwards***