



Green Policy Guide Newcastle Gateshead 2012

Friday 9th March 2012

15:00 – 17:30 F7 Consultative Sessions

Housing in Barbour Room

Opportunity to ensure environmentally friendly planning and energy efficiency of homes is given due weight.

Sustainable Prosperity & Jobs in MEC 9

Opportunity to ensure our policy is genuinely environmentally sustainable and that the potential of green initiatives (e.g. renewable energy and building improvements) to create jobs is fully recognised.

20:15 – 21:30

Green Lib Dem Fringe in MEC 10

Green Book Session: **Food**

Saturday 10th March 2012

09:05 - F3 Federal Policy Committee Report. This gives the timetable for the Sustainable Growth and Zero Carbon policy papers.

[Late questions to Speaker's table by 08:50]

09:20 – F4 Policy Motion Europe

Protection of the environment requires international action. A strong Europe can both support green policy within the EU and promote it worldwide. There is specific mention of environmental issues in lines 16, and 38 to 43. *[4 minute speeches]*

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09:20 – F4 Policy Motion Giving Young People a Future (Policy Paper on Combatting Youth Unemployment)

This includes a reference to a growing economy, without considering the possibility that growth and sustainability are mutually incompatible; and without critical consideration of the assumption that economic growth is an essential element of finding new jobs for the young.

[4 minute speeches, 1 minute interventions]

11:35 - F7 Making Tax Faireer

GLD members may want to question the lack of any mention of taxing polluters or otherwise using the tax system to promote environmental sustainability.

[4 minute speeches, 1 minute interventions]

[13:00 to 14:00 Exec members meet Ed Davy]

5:35 - F11 Policy Motion

The Greenest Government Ever

This is a motion from the Parliamentary Committee on Energy and Climate Change.

The motion welcomes progress so far but regrets that green policies are not consistently embedded throughout Government and that some ministers undermine confidence in the Government's commitment to its climate targets.

It then goes into specifics on energy efficiency and low carbon energy infrastructure and transport.

It expresses specific support for carbon capture and storage, which many consider unsustainable. It also undermines the Government's low carbon plans by suggesting a tax on nuclear energy profits. This will reduce investor confidence, not only in the nuclear industry, but also in other low carbon technologies (especially wind generation, which with many Tories would like to make less financially attractive).

The transport section advocates the use of biofuels from environmentally sustainable sources including waste. Given the elasticity of interpretation of the word sustainable, this could include energy crops competing with food crops.

While firm actions are proposed in most areas, good intentions seem enough for aviation.

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The motion includes ways of supporting low carbon technologies and protecting the natural environment, including banning biodegradable waste from landfill.

It concludes with a call for ambitious EU and global action on climate change.

[4 minute speeches only]

16:20 – F12 Question & Answer Nick Clegg

[Late questions to Speaker's table by 12:45.]

17:40 – F14 Report of Federal Executive

[Late questions to Speaker's table by 16:40.]

18:15 – 19:30

**Green Lib Dem Fringe in MEC 22
Announcing Regional Peps and the
Policy Panel**

20:00 – 21:15

**Green Lib Dem Fringe in MEC 19
Green Book Session: Energy**

Sunday 20th March 2011

9:00 – F16 Reports of the Commons, Lords and European Parliamentary Parties of the Lib Dems.

Surprisingly little on environmental matters from a government aspiring to be the greenest ever.

[Questions to Speaker's table by 18:00 Sat]

9:30 – F19 Emergency Motion or Issue

10:45 – F21 Policy Motion Civil Liberties

As anti climate change demonstrations have sometimes attracted unhelpful policing (including kettling) members may be interested in the section on the right to protest.

[4 minute speeches]

