

NORTH DERBYSHIRE GREEN PARTY  
MEMBERS MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025 @ 19.00  
AT CHESTERFIELD LIBRARY

NOTES AND ACTION POINTS

PRESENT: Louis Hollingworth (Chair), Darren Yates (Treasurer and ERO), Naila Dracup (New Members), Simon Swift (committee member without portfolio), David Kesteven, Andy Slack, Tony Waite, Vicky Noble (Secretary and Notes)

APOLOGIES: Frank Adlington Stringer, John Harris, Kat Noble, Helen Davies

Louis welcomed all member to the meeting and a round of introductions was made.

1. Agree minutes of the last meeting  
– agreed.

2. Chair's Report – Louis

Email addresses have now been set up with the National party for all committee with specified job titles. The website was updated yesterday. There is a councillor's page and an events page. The new email addresses will be put on the website. We still need pictures of the committee members.

ACTION – committee members to provide pictures.

3. Finance Report – Darren

The bank account has a balance of £2466.00. Capitations (our proportion of money from members contributions) are still to come in and are estimated to be around £500. Only 2 members are directly contributing to our local party. We need to try to increase this.

ACTION: Darren to look into using the Stripe payment facility to collect donations from our new website page.

Tony asked if it was possible for an individual to donate specifically for a leaflet to deliver in a certain area. Darren said this was possible that if someone wanted to donate then they could do so by transferring money or cheque to pay for the leaflets.

#### 4. Review of the Derbyshire County Council election results – Darren

We achieved 26% of the vote in Wingerworth, 22% in Hasland and no more than 7% in all other wards.

A discussion then took place. Naila said that it was good that we got a candidate to stand in all our wards as part of the “operation full slate” and now we know the level of support there is out there without any campaigning at all and not even a leaflet drop. It was thought that the national message was what got Reform elected as they did not door knock and only had a leaflet drop. We all believe we have a hard task ahead with the current momentum behind Reform. David asked how far ahead we think the next elections will be. Louis said it depends on what happens with the council structure changes. It could be May 2027 or 2028. Darren said he believes it will be fought on the county council boundaries.

It was agreed that we need to start campaigning and leafletting now. It was also agreed that future operation full slate needs to be better planned and organised

#### 5. Feedback from the Green Party regional meeting – Darren

There was very little to report back and their meeting are run very much along the lines that ours are.

## 6. Future campaign strategy – for next 3 – 5 years

The meeting discussed what we would focus on in the future. It was agreed that we would still focus on Wingerworth and Shirland and Hasland and Rother as so much work had already been done. Other possible wards were also discussed. It was agreed that Spire ward was not really viable as it has 2 very strong councillors in Sharon for Labour and Ed for Lib Dems. Other wards were discussed with Dunston a possible but no decisions made due to lack of resources.

The lack of active members and resource was a huge limitation on what we could achieve and is a priority for us to work upon. The meeting discussed the feasibility of distributing a general leaflet to all wards to get our message out to a wider audience. It was agreed to do this with a leaflet of A4 size with national messages on one side and then local news on the other side. This would be out of the “target to win” process which we would apply when campaigning in our target wards as well. The meeting discussed items we should put in for the local issues and agree it needed to be punchy and controversial to grab attention. Ideas discussed were: Housing, solar farms etc, (very controversial), water quality and nationalisation and the possible Staveley road bypass. We need others.

Noted that we have done some 60 second surveys but need to look at these again as potholes were a priority in the previous campaigning.

**ACTION:** Darren and Simon to mock up a possible leaflet for distribution in late September 2025.

We still need people to help deliver them and it was agreed to ask the membership if they could help in their local area. Vicky will try to organise with Naila when we have some idea of who might help.

ACTION: Louis to send out an email with the notes of this meeting and ask members for their help and to sign up.

7. How do we encourage new members and volunteers to help campaigning?

The meeting agreed we need new members and to get our members active so we can run more campaigns and deliver the much-needed leaflets. We need to get something that grabs people. We should put on our leaflet that we are anti genocide and leaflet the college as well

8. How do we get involved in local activities and raise our profile?

We have been involved with: Chesterfield Pride, May Day March, NE Derbyshire Climate Action Group. There is potential with the No Waste Café, and Vicky has joined the Chesterfield Litter Pickers.

We need to join up and support other initiatives and grow our network for supporting local people and initiatives and influence people where we can to support and vote for us.

9. How do we encourage, select and train new candidates?

Noted that we are not going to be a target ward for the next general election as we do not have a strong membership and active base yet!

We do need candidates who want to stand for the next local elections so we have time to organise and support (train) potential candidates.

ACTION: Louis to put call for candidates onto the email to members.

10. Any communication we want to share?

Darren showed us the T-shirt we are going to raffle at the Pride event and the stickers. Vicky will do the guess the number of jellybeans again. We still need some more volunteers and Vicky and Kat will be at the Green Party Regional event that day.

ACTION: Louis will send out the minutes of the meeting to members.

11. Date of next Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – via Zoom

ACTION: Louis to source Zoom facility