NORTH DERBYSHIRE GREEN PARTY

NOTES FROM THE MEMBERS MEETING HELD ON 25th May 2026 @ 19.00

At Olde House, Newbold Road, Chesterfield S40 4RN

NOTED that apologies had been received from Kathryn Salt, Caroline Dryden, Gary Copelend, Alison Riley and Fiona

1. WELCOME TO MEMBERS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Louis asked for all members to introduce themselves for the benefit of new members.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHARE OF INFORMATION

Chair and Coordinator update – Louis

We now have 750 members with a drop in the weekly number joining.

Finance update – Darren

We have a bank balance of about £4000 but will still need money for any major campaigns

East Midlands Regional Party update – Darren/Louis

Regional Party has are going to be fund raising for an additional paid officer to help out Laurie the Regional Field Organiser. We agree that we would opt out of this as we need to raise funds for our own local campaigns.

3. FEEDBACK FROM THE STAVELEY NORTH BY-ELECTION

Rob Ferrie, one of the candidates reported back saying he was pleased we got just over 11% of the vote, which was a challenge as we had never campaigned or put anything out in that area before. We had since had one new person contact Louis to discuss becoming a member. Notes that we now have about 40 member who regularly turned out to help with the campaign. There was better organisation but some good learning points too. These will feed into the campaign committee group

4. FEEDBACK FROM THE NEW COMMITTEES

- Social media (Louis/Simon and team)

Notes that the group had discussed the use of Instagram, Blur Sky and Facebook and that they planned to continue using these platforms. They plan to put something out at least ever two weeks and to have some “evergreen” items ready to post like information on policies etc. They know they need to improve in these areas and are looking for more people to get involved.

They had also discussed ways to get our information visible to people and the issues of turning off comments to stop trolling. These issues are all in hand.

- Campaigning (Darren/David and team)

It was agreed by the campaigns committee that they would be staying with the national approach of target to win. They agree to have 2 target area for the 2027 elections, with a possible third to be developed. What areas these are will be decided upon next month. There were plenty of discussions around the Staveley North experience and what it had taught us.

Dave Wadsworth will be responsible for the campaign maps and John Sutcliffe and Darren will handle the leaflets.

Clowne East by-election. Harry our previous candidate will not stans this time so we are looking for a candidate. The approach to a possible campaign was discussed at the meeting. It was stressed by the members that we want to run a positive campaign.

David Kesteven will ring Adrian (a member in the area) who has expressed an interest in standing to see if he is still interested. Louis will put a message out on the WhatsApp group and via email calling for candidates. ACTION LOUIS AND DAVID

- Membership (Vicky and team)

The membership team has made a good start. Thay are focussing on getting members to stand as candidates, ringing around to welcome new members and contacting current volunteers to discuss getting involved more. The use of data needs to be GDPR compliant which raises some process issues that are being addressed.

5. LET'S TALK - MEMBERS OPEN DISCUSSION – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Items discussed additional to previous discussion in the meeting included our presence at Chesterfield PRIDE. Louis, Simon and Alison are attending. If anyone wants to go to let Louis know.

Members were asked to send in any items they want for the next agenda.

6. CALL TO ACTION
    - Members Meeting – Monday 29th June 2026 7.00 pm via Zoom.
    - Social Event – Walk at Holmbrook Valley Park followed by a bring your own picnic. Sunday 19th July 2026 –meet at 11.00 am Café - car park off Newbold Road.
    - Summer Leaflet distribution. – July onwards TBD

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.