

Wolverhampton Green Party Meeting Monday 25 March 2024. 7pm Tettenhall Wood Institute (TWI)

Record Note

(The meeting did not proceed as it was not quorate, with the added complication of another group already occupying the room and who were unwilling to move. This document records, for the benefit of members, the reports that would have been presented had the meeting gone ahead)

Apologies: Paul Darke, Don Gwinnett, Steve Petter, Andrea Cantrill

In Attendance: Isabel Gillis, Helen Currie, Mike Jenkins (Jenny Hibell arrived after these 3 had left)

Update and feedback from candidates:

- Kwaku Tano-Yeboah (Heathtown): *“I'm expecting to get signatures for my nomination this weekend (i.e.23/03/24).”*
- Steve Petter (Blakenhall): Has ordered some campaign material for general use.
- Andrea Cantrill (Tettenhall Wightwick): *“Paper candidate: .. 'so have nothing to report, I will display a poster in our window!’”*
- Paul Darke (Park): *“2500 leaflets have been printed with a view to exploring how such a leaflet, heavy on the issue of Palestine will impact the vote. This will be delivered over a six week period up to the Local Election (thank you Jenny and others). It is, in my view, an experiment in a specific ward where the issue may be relevant to many voters, and would be pointless in most other wards. A proposed St Peter's leaflet is less focused on the Palestine issue and will enable us to see which was most effective (though I think the St Peters leaflet will be delivered to the whole ward as opposed to half). Post election analysis will make clear (either way) if it has any impact, however small, in increasing awareness and, together with leaflets by others, eventually retaining our deposit in the General Election. It would have been good to have had another type of leaflet focusing on Green (environmental) issues in another ward to compare but I think this will not happen (but it may!) My leaflet is purely self funded and will be included in the election expenses due to having some delivered after the election call date.”*
- There is a possibility of a candidate standing in Wednesfield but this has yet to be confirmed.
- [Amy Bertaut (Graiseley), Ayden Young (Penn), Jenny Hibel (Merry Hill), & Mia Clark (Oxley) are paper candidates and were not expected to be doing any active campaigning]

Special Projects Group: The minutes of the previous meeting (06/03/24) will be available on the website.

Treasurer's report:

- There is now a Standing Order form available for prospective donors who wish to use this method (developed from a draft provided by S.Petter).
- We have one new regular donor.
- The Coop Bank 'Community Direct' account is no longer available to new customers. The replacement, 'Community Direct Plus' is only open to organisations that are registered eg charities and community interest companies. We are not eligible.

2024 AGM: Previous AGM was 22/02/23. This year's must be within 18 months of this. Need to give 1 month notice to members.

Date and time of next meeting:

Monday 29 April 2024 7-9 pm Tettenhall Wood Institute Room 3

(The Institute management have confirmed that this booking is definite. The group occupying the room on 23/03/24 made an error and are now aware of that)

Compiled by Mike Jenkins 03/04/24