

Dear Members & Supporters,

Welcome to my July PPC newsletter, particularly to our newest members.

I've just completed my Year One Sophrology exams (results by end of the month) so it's a relief to have to summer to get myself back on track with everything.

### **What have I been up to?**

I attended a workshop at SSDC a couple of weeks ago to put forward ideas for their Environmental Strategy following the declaration of a climate emergency. There were a number of us there from different groups and organisations, including our very own Kate from Sustainable Yeovil, representing different perspectives to the officers charged with putting the strategy together on behalf of the council. They seemed positive and keen to get something constructive to put before the council for the October deadline, but we will wait and see if this ends up being watered down in order to get passed by some of the less enthusiastic councillors!

I am also now representing Brympton Parish Council on the Yeovil in Bloom steering group. This is a good way for me to get involved in a small way in a community project, make new contacts, and also remind the LibDem run Town Council that we Greens aren't going away. The regional judging was last week and I made sure I was there at the photo shoot. National judging is at the beginning of August so I'll be there then too.

I will be attending a conference on 2<sup>nd</sup> August run by 'Reimagining the Levels' to find out more about creating a tree planting policy in Brympton as part of our environmental strategy.

### **SSGP website**

SSGP member Mark Edwards has kindly taken over duties updating our website (<https://southsomerset.greenparty.org.uk>). We have already bounced around a few ideas and it will be evolving over the coming weeks. If you have any ideas you would like to share about improving its content and making it more informative please email Mark directly at [edwarp@mac.com](mailto:edwarp@mac.com).

### **June Meeting**

Many thanks to Serena for hosting our lovely woodland get together last month. Thank you to everyone who came along; we had a great turnout and had many positive and constructive discussions. Minutes for this meeting are to be found at the bottom of this email, should you wish to catch up.

### **Next SSGP Meeting**

Our next get together is on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 7pm at the Secret Garden, at the end of West Street in Hinton St. George. Our member Amanda has kindly offered her yurt for the evening, which will make for another lovely setting. If you have anything that needs to be put on the agenda, please contact Alan at [contact@southsomersetgreenparty.org.uk](mailto:contact@southsomersetgreenparty.org.uk).

### **Some upcoming events you may be interested in:**

Third Saturday of every month – Sustainable Yeovil Walk and talk, Ninesprings Café from 10am  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup> July – South West Green Party Summer Conference, Trinity Centre, Bristol  
From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – XR Summer Uprising in Bristol, see Facebook for full details  
Weds 17<sup>th</sup> July – Sustainable Yeovil talk at Yeovil Library 10:30-12:30  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July – XR South Somerset Drown-In, awareness raising action at SSDC 7pm, see Facebook for details  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Youth Strike for Climate, various locations worldwide  
Sat 20<sup>th</sup> July – Yes to Europe: March for Change, London  
Sat 20<sup>th</sup> July – Eat Crewkerne, 9-5, free locally-focussed food & drink festival  
Sat 20<sup>th</sup> July – Plastic Free Chard Litter Pick from 10am  
Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug – The Pop-up Eco Supermarket, Odcombe from 9am  
Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Aug – Frack Free Yeovil Jumble Sale, Birchfield Community Centre 1-3pm **\*\*VOLUNTEERS WANTED PLEASE\*\***  
Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Aug – Chard Eco Fair, Crowchute Centre from 10-2  
Sat 21<sup>st</sup> September – The Big Green Gig, Chard Guildhall, doors open at 7pm. A full line-up of music plus special guest speaker Deputy Leader of the Green Party Amelia Womack!!

If I have forgotten to mention any events, please accept my apologies but this summer is jam packed with things going on and I can't remember it all!

Until next month.

Best wishes

Diane Wood (PPC and Membership Secretary)