

Newsletter

of the *Alliance for Green Socialism* – May 2013
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People's Assembly **Saturday 22 June 2013** **Central Hall Westminster, London, SW1H 9NH** **9.30am to 5pm**

The People's Assembly Against Austerity looks set to bring together a large number and wide range of opponents of the cuts. If you can go, please do. The AGS still has a few tickets so let the Secretary know if you want one.

It is not yet clear how the Assembly will operate or what may come out of it. The AGS has declared its support and aims to play its part in deciding these things. Certainly a genuinely broad opposition to the cuts is badly needed. The AGS has also affiliated to the "Coalition of Resistance", the instigators of the Assembly.

Leeds AGS Garden Party

Saturday 13th July 2013

2pm to 5pm

22 Montagu Crescent, Leeds, LS8 2RF

food, drink, stall, info, plants, fun

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AGS Printer Appeal

In 2000 the AGS bought a copyprinter for £2,200, funded by an appeal to the membership. That's the printer on which this newsletter is printed. It has served us well for thirteen years but it has just about reached the end of its life. Not only is the print quality not very good but it is increasingly difficult to use because it misfeeds and jams all the time. Given its age that is hardly surprising.

The national committee wants to replace it with an A3 duplex colour laser printer. This would enable us to print better quality material, to do quality short-run leaflets, and to print posters. It would cost a little under £2,000, very good value compared to the old printer.

We are therefore appealing to you to make a donation towards this cost. If you can spare a pound, fine. If you can spare a thousand pounds, fine. Or anything in between. We already have promises of a couple of substantial donations, so it should be possible to reach the £2,000 target if everyone chips in.

Please send cheques, made out to "Alliance for Green Socialism", to:

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EDITOR FOR GREEN SOCIALIST

The present editor of *Green Socialist*, Bryn Glover, has indicated that he expects to step down at this year's conference in October.

Might you consider standing for election as editor? Or is there someone else you think could do the job?

The editor works with the national committee to produce the *Green Socialist* journal. The committee agrees a theme and tries to suggest and offer some articles. The editor is responsible for finding other contributors and putting the issue together.

Bryn has then laid out each issue using Microsoft Publisher. The new editor could be given training in MS Publisher if necessary. Alternatively, the actual laying out could instead be handled by some else on behalf of the editor, if that worked better.

Meetings of the national committee are normally open to any member to observe. Meetings are on Saturdays, most often at the Calthorpe Arms on Grays Inn Road, Kings Cross, London.

6 Jul 2013 Friends Meeting House, Rainsford Road,
Chelmsford, CM1 2QL 12:00
7 Sep 2013 Calthorpe Arms, London WC1X 8JR 13:15

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 11am Sat 19 Oct 2013
Swarthmore Centre, Woodhouse Square, Leeds, LS3 1AD

16 Nov 2013 Calthorpe Arms, London WC1X 8JR 12:00

RMT invitation

An AGS representative from the national committee will attend a meeting called by the RMT on 10 June to discuss next year's European elections. We are not hugely hopeful of an acceptable intervention coming out of the meeting, but we will take part in good faith.

Epping Forest GDL

Our Epping Forest Green & Democratic Left affiliate held a well attended celebration of MayDay at the Gunmakers Arms in Loughton on Sunday 5 May. There was music from Fiddlefit, face painting, barbeque, a bouncy castle for the kids, and even some beer.

At 8pm on Tuesday 28 May, at the Methodist Church Hall in Loughton, the EFGDL is organising a local People's Assembly in preparation for the London Assembly on 22 June. Further information from Pete Relph on 020 8508 6313.

East Anglia Conference

A conference looking at how we can all help build a powerful movement of the broad green left, including trade unions and all progressive organisations, was organised by local AGS members in Chelmsford on 3 March at the Bird in Hand. About 20 people attended. Well done organiser John Sillett et al.

North London AGS

On 28 April the North London group held a successful meeting on Cyprus and the financial crisis. The speaker was Loucas Papayiannis from AKEL.

The group's next meeting is on the Disability Justice Campaign. Details TBA.

Leeds AGS

In April Leeds AGS showed the Ken Loach film "Spirit of '45" followed by a discussion on the issues it raised.

On 21 May the meeting looked at Fighting NHS Privatisation, with speaker John Puntis from Keep Our NHS Public.

On 18 June there will be a discussion on the fundamental question of "Is there hope for the environment" led by Mike Davies & Malcolm Christie.

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