

# Newsletter

of the Alliance for Green Socialism – August 2016  
www.greensocialist.org.uk



## AGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Sat 15 October 2016**  
**Calthorpe Arms, London**

This year's AGS conference is at **11:00** on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October** in London at the Calthorpe Arms, Grays Inn Road, Kings Cross, WC1X 8JR.

The national committee has again decided to organise the conference on an individual basis.

All members of the AGS and of its affiliates are warmly invited to come and to take part in deciding AGS policy and electing its officers and national committee.

**Rule change** motions must be received by the Secretary (details below) by **10 September 2016**.

**Policy** motions must reach the Secretary by **1 October 2016**.

It would be very helpful (though not required) if all motions could be in by 10 September so that they can go out to members with the conference papers. That gives members a chance to consider motions in advance, rather than having to absorb them and respond to them on the day.

**Nominations** for officers (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Editor of Green Socialist, and Press Officer) and for the three directly elected members of the national committee should reach the Secretary, if possible, by **8 October 2016**. You can nominate any AGS or affiliate member, including yourself.

AGS groups and affiliates should let the Secretary know before conference who is to represent them on the national committee for the coming year.

---

The conference starts at 11:00 and will finish by 17:00. Afterwards there will be some relaxed conversation, and possibly a pint or two, in the Calthorpe Arms.

If you want help in drafting a motion, please ask the Chair or any other officer.

If you want to talk about what a position might involve, please ask the Chair or another officer.

### POOLED FARE

As usual, a pooled fare system will operate for conference so as not to exclude comrades who may have a long way to come. Everyone ends up paying the same for travel, based on the standard coach fare.

Participation in the pooled fare is mandatory for everyone attending conference. If your coach fare is **more than the average**, the difference will be **paid to you** from the pool. If it is **less than the average**, you will **pay into** the pool.

Needless to say, you don't have to travel by coach if you prefer some other means of travel, but the pooled fare is based on the coach fare.

Usually the average is around £10, so it should not break the bank.

If you need overnight accommodation in London, please let the secretary know.

Anyone wishing to attend as an observer, or to bring someone as an observer, should contact the Secretary for a ticket.

**Alliance for Green Socialism,**  
**Freepost AGS**  
[www.greensocialist.org.uk](http://www.greensocialist.org.uk)  
**Secretary:** Celia Foote  
[celiafoote@nasuwt.net](mailto:celiafoote@nasuwt.net) 0113 262 4667  
**Newsletter editor:** Mike Davies  
[info@greensocialist.org.uk](mailto:info@greensocialist.org.uk) 07811 384888  
**"Green Socialist" Editor:** John Sillett  
[editor@greensocialist.org.uk](mailto:editor@greensocialist.org.uk) 01603 661814

Meetings of the national committee are normally open to any member to observe. Meetings are on Saturdays, most often in Kings Cross, London at Calthorpe Arms, 252 Grays Inn Rd, WC1X 8QR or Lucas Arms, 245<sup>A</sup> Grays Inn Rd, WC1X 8QY

NC 17 Sep 2016 Lucas Arms **13:15**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE Sat 15 Oct 2016  
Calthorpe Arms, Grays Inn Rd, WC1X 8QR**

NC 12 Nov 2016 Calthorpe Arms **12:00**

NC 18 Mar 2017 venue tba, London **12:00**

NC 20 May 2017 venue tba, London **13:15**

NC 22 Jul 2017 venue tba, London **12:00**

NC 16 Sep 2017 venue tba, London **13:15**

## FRACKING CAMPAIGN

Leeds AGS group is very active in the campaign against fracking, working with Frack Free Leeds. FFL is generating a campaign specifically against the treatment of toxic flowback waste water from fracking.

The fracking companies put all sorts of poisons into the vast amount of water they pump down their wells, including sulphuric acid. Half of it comes back up as "flowback". This has not only the original poisons but more contaminants from underground, including radioactivity. The flowback waste contains heavy metals like lead, and a range of chemicals.

Their intention is to bring flowback waste to a treatment works in Knostrop, Leeds, from fracking sites across the north. There are only four treatment works in the country with a permit to process this nasty stuff, so if we can stop one, that will have a big impact. The other three are in Sheffield, Stoke and Middlesbrough. Any offers to address those sites?

## NORTH LONDON

North London AGS group has a meeting on Sunday 4th September at 2pm at the Lucas Arms, Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8QY.

Ray King of the Cambridge Heath & London Fields Association will address the question of:

**Transport: Private or Public**

All welcome

## LEEDS

The next Leeds AGS meeting is, as usual, at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday, 20 September, at Swarthmore Centre, Woodhouse Square, Leeds LS3 1AD.

The topic is **The erosion of Democracy**, an increasingly vital one.

Celia Foote will present and lead a discussion.

The following month's meeting, on Tuesday 18 October, will be on: **Economy based on Stability**. Mike Davis will give a report back from the September "De-growth" conference in Budapest.

## EPHING FOREST

AGS affiliate Epping Forest Green & Democratic Left have a public meeting on:

**National Health Service - save it and improve it** at 7.30 for 7.45pm on Tuesday 6 September.

Wesley Hall, Methodist Church, High Rd, Loughton.

NHS workers, including junior doctors, will bring you up to date on the latest situation in the NHS, and how we can contribute to the campaign.

## 2015/16 National Committee members

Chair	Mike Davies	m.davies@greensocialist.org.uk	07811 384888
Secretary	Celia Foote	celiafoote@nasuwt.net	0113 262 4667
Treasurer	Malcolm Christie	m_s_christie@yahoo.com	0113 293 1948
Membership	Steve Radford	steve@offbeat.karoo.co.uk	01482 447240
GS Editor	John Sillett	johnsillett5@btinternet.com	01603 661814
Press	Eddie Adams	samstjohn2003@yahoo.co.uk	020 8964 9531
directly elected	Bob Archer	bobarcher46@btinternet.com	020 8522 1156
directly elected	Mike Butler	mbutlersw6@gmail.com	01745 344093
directly elected	Liz Peck	lilibet.peck@ntlworld.com	01788 335534
Epping Forest GDL	Pete Relph		020 8508 6313
Leeds	<i>vacant</i>		
North London	Eddie Adams	samstjohn2003@yahoo.co.uk	020 8964 9531
Sheffield	Brian Turley	briturl@googlemail.com	0114 250 7315
Socialist Alliance	Toby Abse	t.abse@gold.ac.uk	020 7373 7881
Wigan BGS	<i>vacant</i>		