

Derbyshire Co-ordinating Group Agenda for Friday 6th Sept 2019

Derby Lib Dem Office, 24A Great Northern Road, Derby, DE1 1LR

- 1. Attendance:** Jonathan Sneade (Chair), Lucy Care, Nibby David, Tony Rogers, Ian Care, Kate Smith, Glenda Howcroft, Tom Snowdon, John Grenville, Ann Morgan, Joanne Carlier, Angela Russell, Richard Salmon, Carmine Branco, Maggie Hird, Ruth Skelton, Lawrence Moore, Maggie Kellman, Sarah Tillet.
- & Apologies:** Pennie Roberts, Lorraine Johnson, Alison Craig, Ian Tucker, Peter Barr, Robert Mee, Roger Jackson, Peter and Terry Fleming, David Parton-Ginno, Mike Pinnock, Robert Knight, Rupert Boddington, Phil Harris, George Tidmarsh, Paul Holmes, Toni Fuller, Peter Stanton, Brian Knibb, David Rayworth, Maureen Grenville, Doug Elliot, Jane Harris, Tim Holyoake, Mrs Gardner, Chris Ring, Tracey Wild, David Hancock.
- 2. Minutes & Matters Arising** Spelling corrected. Otherwise accepted.
- 3. Officer Reports**
 - 3.1. Chair – Emergency process for candidates for constituencies being organised nationally if not already selected locally already.
 - 3.2. Secretary – Arranged the Police and Crime Commissioner Panel for selection of candidate.
 - 3.3. Treasurer – Written report received. Not enough in account for PCC deposit. Account signatories need updating.
 - 3.4. PCC Selection Committee Chair – Appeal letter to go out shortly. Two people applied for post. If General Election now might have to postpone selection, but otherwise election process will start on 21st Sept.
 - 3.5. Future Officers – Highlighted need for new chair and secretary for coming year.
- 4. Updates from Representatives**
 - 4.1. Derby City Council – (Ruth Skelton) Waste Plant (joint with County) in a complex legal situation and plant not operating. Councils concerned it will never work as agreed. Unprocessed waste from site being removed and all waste from City/County now going to landfill. Ofsted inspection of SEND very poor (as expected). Pushing the move back to committees, A52 work continuing, financially crippling. Several other major projects too; swimming pool, Guildhall and Market Hall repairs, Assembly Rooms, A Labour councillor has resigned the whip.
 - 4.2. Derbyshire County Council – None. Climate Emergency motion neutered.
 - 4.3. Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority – (Ruth Skelton) Todbrook Dam biggest issue recently.
 - 4.4. Derbyshire Police & Crime Panel – No meeting since last DCG meeting.
- 5. Key Derbyshire Activities & Projects**
 - 5.1. Constitution progress/update -
 - 5.2. Derbyshire County Web & Social Media (Twitter, Website, Facebook, Instagram etc) -
- 6. Liaison, Views & Best Practice Sharing**
 - 6.1. General Election 2019 Preparations – **Chesterfield:** Campaign meetings started and communications working group to support candidate and campaign. Coordinated Focus leaflets going out across area from next week. Health, environment and housing as well as brexit. Targeting ‘leans remain’ voters in County divisions. **Amber Valley/Mid Derbyshire:** Candidates being appointed. Not yet sure where efforts will be targeted. **Erewash:** Candidate being awaited, but expecting to help Bosworth. Other seats to watch are Rushcliffe and Harborough. Also Sheffield Hallam. **Derby North/Derby South/South Derbyshire:** Exec to meet on Monday to discuss campaigning. Carload already visited Hallam. **Generally:** Labour not seen as a Remain Party so no intention of standing down for them, unless there are national tactical reasons. Can’t expect same level of Lib Dem votes as we had in Euro elections.
 - 6.2. National Situation – Others organising and Labour often hijacking Remain/Democracy demos, eg on Saturday Chris Williamson took microphone for austerity rant. Others joined various other demos too. Agreed: Secretary to discuss arranging demos with Simon Ferrigno (Lib Dem and European Movement) and then to be publicised to all members.
 - 6.3. Climate Emergency Motions/Activity – No visible action in Derby since May, but pushing. Amber Valley has had an Existence of Local Biodiversities being researched.
- 7. AOB and Party Updates**

None, except after end of the meeting:

 - 7.1. Whaley Bridge Dam: pictures from a week after the failure shared by Ruth Skelton.