

THE BLUE ENVIRONMENT PARTY

PRESS RELEASE

New environment party launches in London to take on Greens in Chelsea & Fulham

Tackling the climate crisis needs a new environmental party that is not socialist, says new party leader.

The Blue Environment Party is a new national party launching in London. It aims to represent people who are concerned about climate change and other green issues, but who do not share the Green Party's socialist agenda. Our aim is to be a centre right alternative to the Green Party.

Our party is fielding its first candidate in the new Chelsea & Fulham constituency, where we hope to find a core of blue-green minded voters.

Party leader Godfrey Spickernell explains: 'There are two problems with supporting the Green Party. First, they are too left-wing for many voters, which is a shame, because we need left and right to work together – climate change is too important to be divided by politics. Second, they are prioritising social policies – green issues are no longer at the top of their agenda.'

'The Green Party's current election manifesto highlights seven priorities, but curiously not one of them is environmental,' he continues. 'They include: the banking system; health; pensions; housing; jobs and wages; transport; and young people. These reflect a socialist, rather than a green agenda. This is so unexpected, we feel everyone should examine the Green Party's manifesto for themselves.'

The Blue Environment Party is concerned that focusing on individual carbon footprints is holding us back rather than helping. Criticising people for using carbon when they have little choice in our carbon-based society leads mostly to guilt and denial, which are of no use in a crisis. Instead we should aim for a positive collective response, and refrain from demonising individuals. We are all in this together.

To tackle climate change, we prefer incentives rather than diktat and regulation. To create these incentives, amongst other measures, we will phase out most existing taxes and replace them with taxes on fossil fuels at source (with safeguards to assist those on low incomes and/or special circumstances). This will send a strong signal to the market to change behaviour and develop alternative sources of energy that are efficient and affordable.

Some people are afraid that dealing with climate change will send us backwards to the age of the Flintstones. We say on the contrary, the vision is closer to that of Star Trek. We believe that new carbon-busting technologies will not only preserve, but also dramatically improve, our current lifestyles.

The Blue Environment Party aims to make dealing with climate change respectable for anyone who has so far been uneasy about it, or dismissed it as a 'left-wing issue', so that we can all work together to find a solution.

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