

Trafford

Green Party



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TRAFFORD REPRESENTED AT COPENHAGEN!



Two of the founder members of Trafford Green Party are heading to Copenhagen on Friday to add their voices to the thousands of demonstrators who will be gathering to show our political leaders that the issues they are dealing with are the most urgent for the future of our planet.

Bridget Green and Margaret Westbrook, will be travelling on the train organised by the Campaign against Climate Change with their newly transformed Trafford banner.

The Greens believe that the UK, in particular, has vast amounts of untapped renewable energy like wind, tidal and solar power that we could be exploiting far more with the right investment and support for development. Green industry could also provide a large number of new jobs at all skill levels. The North West and Trafford residents could benefit enormously by such initiatives.

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Trafford Green Party is pleased to see that Trafford Council are encouraging individual action to tackle carbon emissions. In particular the work of Action for Sustainable Living across the borough is commendable - but action just on this level is simply not enough. We believe radical changes are necessary urgently to decarbonise our society. Our Climate Change Challenge (2) calls for much more fundamental action much quicker locally. But even work on local level is not enough. We need to work at both national and global levels to truly tackle this issue for future generations.

Internationally we must see commitment from all those in positions of power to save our world from destruction. What we need at Copenhagen is strong leadership to ensure that the global community takes the necessary steps to prevent disaster.

Margaret Westbrook said "Despite downplayed expectations, the Copenhagen summit next week is still a real opportunity for governments to unite against carbon pollution in a spirit of co-operation - and build the foundations of a new global deal.

"For Copenhagen to be judged anything close to a success, we need to see a commitment to tough binding targets, funding for climate mitigation and adaptation in developing countries, and a real culture shift within governments to enable a massive clean energy revolution.

"Politicians attending the Copenhagen summit must ensure that it fulfils its potential to produce positive results and provide the road map we need towards a more sustainable future. Empty smiles and handshakes for the cameras will not be enough."

Bridget and Margaret will carry these messages with their banner!

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Notes to editors:

1. Updates from Bridget and Margaret will be found on <http://traffordgreens.blogspot.com>
2. Details of our climate change challenge below

10- point Climate Change Challenge

Working towards a low carbon economy

1. *Cut CO2 emissions by an extra 9% every year (creating a cut of 25% by 2011 and nearly 90% by 2030).*
2. *Collect 70% of all household waste for recycling or local composting by 2015.*

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3. *Set a 20mph speed limit on residential roads across the Borough and put pedestrians first.*
 4. *Make public transport more attractive by improving service, reducing fares and introducing more family and season tickets.*
 5. *Support congestion charging as a tool to reduce individual car use, encourage car-sharing and support walking, cycling and public transport initiatives.*
 6. *Support sustainable energy by sourcing all electricity, including street lighting, from genuinely renewable supplies.*
 7. *Say no to the destruction of our environment by blocking expansion of Manchester Airport and any new road building.*
 8. *Help Trafford residents to do their bit with free insulation. Support the creation of micro-generation power schemes and other kinds of decentralised energy production.*
 9. *Set the highest possible standard for new buildings by insisting that every new development surpasses the BREEAM 'Excellent' standard.*
 10. *Eat local with a food strategy that re-localises food supplies to schools and other Council facilities. Make it easier for everybody to grow their own and buy local through allotments, farmers' markets and other projects.*
3. Trafford Green Party was set up in January 2007 .
 4. Further details can be found on our website www.traffordgreens.org.uk
 5. For national policy see www.greenparty.org.uk

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