



**Kate Bisson** is the **Green Party** candidate for the **Bramley & Stanningley ward** in the local council elections on **7<sup>th</sup> May 2015**.

Kate lives in Bramley and has been a member of the Green Party since 2005. This is the fifth time Kate has stood as a Green candidate in Bramley & Stanningley. Kate has a Masters in Environmental & Energy Studies, and works in the Sustainability team at Leeds Beckett University, where she is responsible for reducing car use amongst staff and students and promoting walking, cycling and public transport. Kate is a volunteer at the Bramley Baths Community Garden.

Kate says: "I joined the Green Party because it was, and still is, the only party that genuinely puts environmental issues where they need to be – at the heart of all its thinking. To me, the Green Party demonstrates that protecting the planet does not have to be at odds with creating a just, equal and prosperous society"

## **Two Chances to Vote Green in May 2015**

On 7<sup>th</sup> May there will be two elections. One is the local Leeds City Council elections. The other is the General Election where you get to choose your Member of Parliament. As well as being able to vote for Kate as your councillor in Bramley & Stanningley, you can vote for Andrew Pointon the Green Party candidate for Leeds West constituency in the General Election.

## **Time for a change**

- *Do you feel let down by the three main parties?*
- *Are you fed up with politicians in general?*
- *Have you even given up voting altogether?*

**The Green Party** is a positive change. We believe in **social justice** and have policies to help improve the lives of ordinary people and make sure we pass on a decent planet for our children and grandchildren to live in. Our existing councillors work hard all year round for you, and know that your support cannot be taken for granted.

Many people nowadays feel that **all politicians are the same** and there is no point in voting because it doesn't change anything. **The Green Party is different**. We want services to be run in the public interest, not for private profit. Greens call for:

- The nation's railways to be taken back into public hands - renationalised.
- A real **crackdown on tax avoidance**. Companies that trade in the UK should pay corporation tax here.
- More **progressive income tax**. The wealthy should be asked to shoulder more of the burden.
- **More social housing**. We want new houses to be built on brownfield sites to tackle the housing crisis.
- **Universal Basic Income** – one benefit for all to end sanctions, fraud, and expensive means testing.
- A **Green New Deal** – a programme of public investment to get jobless people back to work.

If you want to know more about the Green Party, or want to join or help please contact Kate. If you have any issues you need help with you can contact Kate too.

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## The Green Party in Leeds.

- Greens were instrumental in the **Wrap up Leeds** scheme launched in 2012 which made **free cavity wall and loft insulation** available to 15,000 households, a valuable contribution to tackling fuel poverty and emissions.
- **Greens against cruel Bedroom Tax:** part of the government's Welfare Reform Act, it reduces housing benefit for some of the poorest in society by up to 25% for those considered to be "under-occupying". We believe that this cruel tax should be abolished as the only real solution is building new social rented homes across Leeds.
- The three Leeds Green Councillors **do not claim all the allowances** they are entitled to. They have repeatedly voted for Councillors' allowances to be reduced, but were beaten by the other parties voting for increases.

## Bramley Community Centre under threat

Bramley Community Centre on Waterloo Road is being threatened with closure by Leeds City Council. The Council launched a consultation on 15 December 2014 but has failed to publicise this, so very few local residents are aware of the plans. We would urge you to respond to the consultation and show the Council that people in Bramley & Stanningley do care about their local services and want to see them protected and supported. You can send your views on the future of Bramley Community Centre by email to [communities@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:communities@leeds.gov.uk). More information can be found on the *Hands Off Bramley Community Centre* Facebook page.

## Safer streets

We welcome the recent extension of the 20 mph zone around St Peter's Primary School, which now covers the rest of Hough Lane, the Warrels and the Fairfield estate amongst other areas. This should help to improve the safety and amenity of the area, but Kate feels that the works have not gone far enough as the new speed restrictions have not been supported by any traffic calming measures, which would ensure that people really do slow down on our streets.

## If elected as councillor for Bramley & Stanningley Kate would:

- oppose all cuts to council services
- support and protect the ward's municipal and community sports facilities
- campaign for reopening of the former railway station at Stanningley
- encourage other bus companies to come to Leeds and break First's rip-off monopoly, and support West Yorkshire Joint Authority getting a Quality Contract and effectively reintroducing re-regulation of buses
- campaign to secure funding to better insulate our homes, reducing our energy bills and reducing our environmental impact
- tackle the issue of dog fouling in Bramley Park

**Vote Green Party**  in the Council and General Elections on **7<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

**Vote Kate Bisson**

**For the common good #votegreen2015**