

# Green Action



Your Update from Shipley's Green Party Councillors

Winter 2008-9

## Green Win Paves Way for A650 Road Consultation

Shipley's Green councillors have won their battle for residents to be fully consulted about the council's proposed changes to the A650 from Saltaire to Bradford. The Conservative Executive decided in October to do nothing other than publicise its plans in Community Pride, despite earlier promises to the contrary, but there will now be several neighbourhood forums during ten months of genuine consultation in 2009 and 2010. In addition, officers have agreed to post comprehensive information about the plans on the council website in January 2009 so that residents can find out more about the proposals ahead of these public meetings.

Cllr Kevin Warnes, the Green member on the council's Environment and Waste Management Scrutiny Committee, 'called in' the Executive decision so that the consultation process could be improved. He says that "council planners are proposing to carry out a number of major highway alterations by 2012 that will affect Saltaire roundabout and Gordon Terrace, the junction next to The Branch Hotel, and Canal Road, so it is absolutely vital that local people across Shipley have their say. I am glad that the council has finally got the message and appreciate the positive way that officers have responded to our call for genuine consultation. This is a huge improvement on where we were in October."



**Cllr Martin Love and his fellow Green ward councillors, Hawarun Hussain and Kevin Warnes, want a safer junction in Saltaire and no overall increase in traffic and carbon emissions.**

If the council's outline proposals are approved by the Regional Transport Board in February 2009, officers will consult with residents from March to November. After this, the plans will be refined at the end of the year, and there will be a further six months of detailed consultation in 2010 before a final decision is made to start any work.

Cllr Warnes says that "all three Green ward councillors are sceptical about the proposals to replace Saltaire roundabout with a new junction. We want to see concrete proof that the safety of all road users will be improved, especially for pedestrians and cyclists, and we need evidence-based assurances that the changes will not simply lead to more traffic, more pollution and more carbon emissions. The lengthy consultation period will help us get answers to our questions on behalf of local people."



**Shipley's Green councillors back the campaign to Save The Branch Hotel on the grounds that it is an essential community hub and the proposed junction will lead to greater traffic levels and carbon emissions.**

Cllr Martin Love adds that the Shipley councillors are also "deeply concerned" about the proposed demolition of The Branch Hotel to widen the Otley Rd/Bradford Rd junction. He says "it is hard to see how the loss of this long-standing community hub is justified by the proposals – the people living in this part of Shipley did not ask for the high traffic levels created by the Bingley bypass and need to be involved in any decision about the future of this local landmark."

In the year ahead, Shipley's Green councillors will ensure that officers listen to residents, that any road alterations will prioritise the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and buses, and that the interests of the local community are not jettisoned in order to shave a few minutes off the road journey from Bradford to Keighley.

If you want to find out more about the proposed changes, you can contact any of you Green ward councillors by phone or email - see the back page of this leaflet for their contact details.

**Inside: Find out how YOU can show Bradford Council a lead in cutting the district's carbon emissions.**



# Make 2009

## Your Council Needs YOU!

Bradford Council must do much more to tackle climate change. The Conservative executive says this is a top priority, yet their actions do not match their rhetoric when it comes to cutting council carbon.

- ☑ The council must set more ambitious targets than the minimal 14% cut in the council's carbon emissions planned by 2012. According to Cllr Kevin Warnes, "targets lead to strategies, and strategies lead to year-on-year funded decisions."
- ☑ The council's investment in renewable energy must increase substantially and quickly to the level in Kirklees, as the Shipley councillors have repeatedly proposed, bearing in mind that our council's carbon emissions are currently rising rather than falling.
- ☑ The council must use its planning powers to force developers to build renewables into new developments across the district, especially in the new schools on the way in 2009 and 2010.



Your Green councillors will press for less hot air and more council action on climate change in 2009. In the meantime, says Cllr Hawarun Hussain, "Shipley's residents should shame the politicians at City Hall into doing more by cutting their own individual carbon footprints". Here are some ways that you can personally show the council how to lead the way in tackling climate change.

## Greener Energy, less Waste

The easiest, quickest and cheapest way of limiting the environmental damage caused by heating your home is to switch your electricity supplier. Make one phone call to buy greener electricity and finance new renewable energy generation in the UK.

- ☑ Switch to Ecotricity to buy green energy for your home. For every pound you pay them for your electricity, they invest a pound in new wind turbines – in 2007, Ecotricity invested £25 million in wind energy. On average, electricity companies spent under £5 per customer on new green energy generation in 2007; Ecotricity spent over £550 per customer, a hundred times as much. Call them free on 08000 302302 or visit their website at [www.ecotricity.co.uk](http://www.ecotricity.co.uk).
- ☑ Switch to Good Energy – although they invest less than Ecotricity in new green energy generation, 100% of their energy comes from renewables. So you can be sure that all of your domestic electricity has come from wind, water and solar power. Call them on 0845 4561640 or visit their website at [www.goodenergy.co.uk](http://www.goodenergy.co.uk).

Another way to reduce your heating bills and cut your carbon emissions is, of course, to improve your home insulation. Shipley's Green councillors approved the council's new Community Warmth scheme – this offers free loft and cavity wall insulation and a free home energy survey for all residents aged over 60 who own their own home or rent a private property. Community Warmth representatives will visit you at home in the coming months to provide advice about the measures on offer, and you can find out more via the Community Warmth Freephone number on 0800 6940418.

You can also install renewable energy technology in your home, such as solar hot water heating. The Energy Saving Trust provides information about all options and grants at [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk). You can call for advice on 0800 512012.

Home compost your waste food scraps – you can order your bin from a Bradford Council approved supplier by calling 0845 077 0757. Recycle your heavy cardboard, tetrapaks and plastic bottles at the council's recycling sites (you can even recycle your batteries at Shipley Town Hall). If you have a redundant computer that you would like to see re-used by someone else, or would like to buy a cheap, refurbished computer, you can contact Compusave in Keighley on 01535 691188. If you have unwanted furniture that could be used by others, call the CHAS Bradford Furniture Service on 01274 731909.



Join the Bradford Freecycle Network of over 7,000 local residents who exchange unwanted household items for free so they can be re-used rather than thrown away – you can register by visiting <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/Freecyclebradford>.

# A Green Year



## Greener Travel

Flying and driving less is the key to cutting the carbon produced by our travel habits. The aviation industry's planned expansion over the next decade – including Leeds-Bradford airport - will hugely increase the UK's carbon emissions, so send the airlines a green message by avoiding their flights whenever possible. To find out more about the social and environmental costs of subsidised air travel, visit [www.planestupid.com](http://www.planestupid.com). You can also check the carbon footprint of any journey and arrange a carbon offset by logging on to [www.co2balance.uk.com](http://www.co2balance.uk.com).

Road transport generates a fifth of UK carbon emissions, yet half of our high-carbon car journeys are under two miles. So drive less and walk or cycle more. Take the bus or train into Bradford twice a week instead of relying on the car all the time, or walk or cycle to the shops. The pay-off for all of us will be less road congestion, less pollution, lower fuel bills, slower climate change and fitter, healthier families! Find out more about transport alternatives to your car by visiting [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com), or phone Metro on 0113 245 7676.



If you want to commute into Bradford by bike once weekly, but don't want to do so alone, join the Aire Valley Bike Bus! Every Wednesday, the cyclists leave Keighley at 7.20am, pedal through Saltaire and Shipley and arrive in Bradford at 8.10am. They pick people up along the way and return along the same route after work in the evening. Find out more by visiting [www.airevalleybikebus.org.uk](http://www.airevalleybikebus.org.uk).

## Greener Food

We can all live more sustainably by thinking hard about the kind of food we buy and where we buy it from. Many Shipley families will spend over £5,000 on their groceries in 2009, so the more your money is spent in local shops or on local food or organic and Fairtrade products, the better for our community, our environment and the world we trade with.



- If you want to make sure that your money remains in Shipley, and help your Shipley neighbours beat the credit crunch, take the time to buy your food and groceries in local shops. Whenever possible, avoid convenience shopping in huge supermarkets like Asda (owned by US global giant Wal-mart) whose dominant presence in Shipley has made it very difficult for smaller community retailers to survive.
- Buy locally grown food at the Saltaire Farmers' Market in the Caroline St car park on the third Saturday of each month.
- Buy a fantastic range of organic food from Bradford Wholefoods in the Old School on Farfield Road in Shipley every Thursday and Friday. For more information, call Jack First on 07821 375706 or email [jackfirstgrove@aol.com](mailto:jackfirstgrove@aol.com).
- You can also buy your weekly organic groceries online or by phone from a home delivery company like Abel and Cole - they deliver great food to Shipley every Monday morning. You can call Abel and Cole on 08452 626364 or visit [www.abelandcole.co.uk](http://www.abelandcole.co.uk). Alternatively, you can contact other organic delivery firms such as FarmaroundNorth Organic, who deliver to Shipley on Fridays (call 01748 821116 or visit [www.farmaroundnorth.co.uk](http://www.farmaroundnorth.co.uk)).
- Buy Fairtrade products to ensure that the people who grow or produce your goods get a living wage for their efforts - find out more by popping into the Olive Branch Fairtrade shop at 2 Westgate, Shipley (tel. 582007) or visit the Fairtrade Foundation website at [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk).
- Try to reduce the amount of meat and dairy products that you consume, as their production is highly energy intensive and therefore carries an unsustainably high carbon footprint at a time when increasing numbers of people worldwide are demanding these types of food. Find out more by visiting the Vegetarian and Vegan Society websites at [www.vegsoc.org](http://www.vegsoc.org) and [www.vegansociety.com](http://www.vegansociety.com).



### Can we help you?

We handle hundreds of residents' concerns each year – it's our job! So please get in touch if you would like us to help you in any way.

### Can you help us?

We welcome help with leafleting, fundraising, social events and our campaigns. If you can spare some time, even an hour or two each month, please get in touch.

### Help us make Shipley a better place to live in.

Let us know if you have any ideas such as improving play areas and recreation grounds, dealing with litter or having a community clean-up, dealing with traffic problems, helping the police combat crime, improving local bus and rail services, organising cultural events or anything else at all!

### Shipley Greens Website

Did you know that Shipley Green Party has a website? If you would like to find out more about us or get involved in our campaigns, log on to



[www.shipleygreenparty.org.uk](http://www.shipleygreenparty.org.uk)

## Contact your Shipley Green Party Councillors

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Phone 01274 588022

Green Group Office, City Hall, Bradford  
Phone 01274 432513  
Email [councillors@shipleygreenparty.org.uk](mailto:councillors@shipleygreenparty.org.uk)  
Visit our website at [www.shipleygreenparty.org.uk](http://www.shipleygreenparty.org.uk)



## We are here to help you

## USEFUL NUMBERS

- Ecotricity – 08000 302302.
- Good Energy – 0845 4561640.
- Bradford Council general enquiries – 432111.
- Report a problem to the council (graffiti, litter, vandalised play equipment etc) – 431000.
- Neighbourhood Policing Team – 537453.
- Report a crime – 0845 6060606.
- For information about Neighbourhood Forums, call the Area Coordinators Office on 437146.
- Call 437058 for a community clean-up.
- Bulk Refuse Service – 431000.
- Fed up with litter and unsightly waste? Call the Visible Services Team on 434366 for private land or 431000 for council owned land.
- Community Mediation Service (neighbour disputes etc) – call 254272 or 254273 or email [mediation@incommunities.org](mailto:mediation@incommunities.org).
- Recycling information – 438883.
- Furniture recycling – CHAS on 731909 or Windhill Community Furniture Store on 593196.
- Order a cheap compost bin – 438883.
- Community Chest Grants (for local community groups and young people – 437146.
- Disability Equipment Bradford – 589162.
- Sure Start Shipley – 597717.
- For info about organised healthy living activities, call HALE on 437060.
- Free home fire safety checks – 0800 5874536.
- Bradford Real Nappy Project – 718420.
- Bradford Carshare – 431184.
- Council Tax – 437866.
- Bradford Wholefoods (Jack First) – 07821 375706.
- Metro – 0113 2457676.
- Abel and Cole organic food – 08452 626364.
- The Olive Branch Fairtrade shop – 582007.

If you would like to help us in any way, perhaps by delivering some leaflets for us, or join us at one of our social gatherings or fundraising events, **please get in touch**. We welcome your help and your ideas!

## Our early 2009 Surgeries

3 Jan	St Hugh's Church Hall
7 Feb, 2 May	Saltaire Methodist Church
7 Mar	Hall Royd Methodist Church
4 Apr	St Peter's Church Hall

10.30 to 11.30, Saturday mornings

**Come along and talk to us**

## Join the Green Party!

Please return this form to Arthur Arnold, Briar Lea, Beech St, Bingley, BD16 1EX.

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Single Membership rates: Full £31; Low-waged/pensioner £10.50; Student £5

Joint Membership rates: Full £41; Low-waged/pensioner/students £14

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