

CONSTITUTION AND AIMS OF THE GREEN PARTY TRADE UNION GROUP

AIMS

The Green Party Trade Union Group (GPTU) is part of the Green Party of England and Wales. We are Green Party members who are Trade Union members and supporters working to bring the Green Party and the Trade Union movement closer together. The Green Party is a party of social and environmental justice. We are campaigning for an alternative to austerity, inequality and neoliberal economics, for the sake of both people and planet. So the Green Party wants to invest in our future and create decent jobs. We want a public NHS, renationalised railways and public services which are owned by the public. We are campaigning for a compulsory Living Wage, and a maximum pay ratio between the lowest and the highest paid in any organisation. To achieve all this, the Green Party believes we need to set Trade Unions free. Green policies, which are decided democratically by members, would strengthen the right to recognition and collective bargaining, and would guarantee the right to strike without fear of dismissal. We can't put it better than Caroline Lucas, Green Party MP, who said: "We stand for fair pay, workplace rights, and against unfair and unnecessary cuts. Your fight is our fight."

CONSTITUTION

1. Green Party Trade Union Group, is a group open to members of the Green Party of England & Wales, (hereinafter GPEW), who share its aims, principles and interests.
2. Membership

Membership of the Green Party Trade Union Group shall be open to any current members of GPEW. who share the aims and objectives of Green Party Trade Union Group. The usual method of joining will be by application to the Green Party Trade Union Group Committee.

3. Committee

The Green Party Trade Union Group Committee shall comprise two Co-Chairs, one Secretary, one Membership Secretary, one Treasurer, one Media Officer, and one Equal Opportunities Officer. Other committee posts may be created and GPEW members may be co-opted as committee members by the committee as necessary subject to ratification by a meeting of Green Party Trade Union Group

All Committee posts may be job shares.

The Committee shall normally be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

4. Meetings

The Annual General Meeting (Agm) Of Green Party Trade Union Group shall normally take place annually and be open to all Green Party Trade Union Group' members

Ordinary Meetings of Green Party Trade Union Group shall take place as decided by the Committee and be open to all Green Party Trade Union Group members

Extraordinary General Meetings can be called by petition of 25% of Green Party Trade Union Group members or 10 Green Party Trade Union Group members (whichever is the larger), or by a majority decision of the Green Party Trade Union Group Committee . Egms can consider and enact motions to re-elect the Committee.

Committee meetings shall take place if necessary, between other meetings; usually they shall be open to all Green Party Trade Union Group members.

Where possible an Ordinary meeting of Green Party Trade Union Group shall be held at GPEW National Conference, this may be additional to the normal schedule of Ordinary meetings of Green Party Trade Union Group .

5. Decisions

Decisions at Green Party Trade Union Group meetings shall be by majority vote where necessary. Contentious or tied issues may be decided by a poll of all Green Party Trade Union Group members

Committee members may take decisions or communicate on behalf of Green Party Trade Union Group between Ordinary meetings of Green Party Trade Union Group on matters that arise during these times, their decisions and communications shall be subject to ratification by a meeting of Green Party Trade Union Group .

6. Funds

Green Party Trade Union Group may raise funds on its own behalf or for GPEW for campaigns and other activities in line with Green Party Trade Union Group aims.

Green Party Trade Union Group may open a bank account to keep its funds which shall be spent in pursuance of its aims.

7. Local groupings

Green Party Trade Union Group shall encourage the formation of local Green Party Trade Union Group groups

8. The Green Party Trade Union Group constitution may be changed at an AGM or an EGM.