

Broxtowe



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Paul Anderson
Candidate for
Beeston West



Gordon Stoner
Candidate for
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VOTE GREEN ON 5TH MAY

Fair is worth fighting for!

"Green councillors put quality of life for people at the heart of council planning. If elected we'll fight to resist public service cuts, put real local action on climate change on the agenda and campaign for calmer streets, better public transport and home insulation for all"

We have 7 candidates standing in the local elections, as follows:

Beeston West – Paul Anderson and Gordon Stoner

Beeston Central – Mary Venning

Beeston North – Sylvia Rule

Chilwell West – Richard Eddleston

Stapleford South West – Sarah Camplin

Brinsley – Beth Hewis

Vote Green to:

- ✓ Protect local services
- ✓ Cut carbon not welfare
- ✓ Local action on climate change
- ✓ Free home insulation for all
- ✓ 20 mph speed limits for streets
- ✓ More recycling and re-use
- ✓ Keep the NHS a public service



Green Party leader Caroline Lucas has positioned herself as "the real opposition" to the coalition Government

Ms Lucas, accused Labour of suffering "a heroic amnesia" as it tried to block the Conservative and Lib Dems' policies.

Speaking from the party's spring conference in Cardiff, she said:

"How can they oppose the market in the NHS when they first introduced it? How are they opposing tuition fees when they first introduced it?"

"The Lib Dems are part of the Government - they can't speak out about proper constitutional reform or nuclear weapons or nuclear power...Labour is utterly contaminated by the fact they pursued many of the policies which now the coalition Government is simply taking to their logical conclusions"

"...so I think people are looking for a genuine opposition - and you won't be surprised to know I think that's the Green Party."



Environmentally-sound plans for three large wind turbines at the University of Nottingham have stimulated a debate in the city.

The 125m-tall structures would produce a third of the electricity its campus needs and cut its carbon emissions by 7,000 tonnes every year, according to the University.

The turbines would be built on land off Thane Road, between Beeston Rylands and Clifton, alongside the River Trent. But concerns have been raised about the visual impact of the towers – and the potential noise pollution they could create.

However, in light of the recent tragic events in Japan, we need to be cautious when it comes to choosing energy sources.

In **Nuclear Power? No Point!** the Green Party's spokesperson on trade and industry, Darren Johnson AM, reviews recent developments and argues that:

- Nuclear power provides less than 4% of UK energy - which is far less than could be saved by energy-efficiency measures that would cut people's fuel bills. The nuclear industry's current financial problems cast serious doubt on its ability to deliver new powerstations anyway.
- New nuclear stations will not help the fight against climate change because major CO2 reductions are needed in the next ten years. New nuclear power stations could not be built fast enough.
- Massive investment in renewables could deliver the necessary short-term CO2 cuts - but "feeding cash to the nuclear delusion" could help starve the renewables.



The Green Party is urging voters to give the thumbs up to the new AV voting system in May's referendum.

The Alternative Vote (AV) is a fairer voting system which will do away with 'jobs for life' MPs. Under AV voters can vote for the party they really want rather than worrying about tactical voting to stop other parties.

- ❖ AV allows voters the chance to express preferences (1st, 2nd, 3rd choice) for who they want to be their MP rather than a simple X for one party.
- ❖ In order for a candidate to win in most seats they will need to gain support in people's 1st, 2nd and even 3rd preferences.
- ❖ The great advantage this has is that there will no longer be any safe seats in which the MP can remain in Parliament: they will have to actively campaign to get these preferences.

