

## **A GREEN NEW DEAL**

### **Submission to Environment Policy Commission 2019**

#### **This CLP**

##### **A. Notes that:**

1. We have eleven years to limit rising global temperature to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial values and prevent runaway climate change;
2. Globally, the poorest communities bear the brunt of increases in extreme events, (wildfires, floods, droughts...) causing ill-health, death and displacement.
3. The UK is also suffering from numerous acute environmental problems e.g. one in seven species is at risk of extinction or already extinct;
4. In the UK and globally, high levels of inequality and deprivation arise from:
  1. Lack of access to basic needs such as clean air, water, healthy food, adequate healthcare, housing, transportation and education;
  2. De-industrialisation, deregulation, privatisation and anti-union policies leading to stagnating wages, and widening inequality – as indicated by decreased life expectancy
  3. Systemic racial and gender injustices which preferentially disadvantage women and people of colour
5. Because of its central role in colonialism and industrialisation, the UK is responsible for a disproportionate amount of historical global greenhouse gas emissions
6. The UK therefore bears substantial responsibility to reduce emissions, and significantly contribute to mobilising resources for mitigation and adaptation globally
7. The solution to these and many other current problems of UK society is a Green New Deal: a massive, state-led programme of investment and regulation for the decarbonisation, transformation, and equitable rebalancing of our economy

##### **B. Believes a Green New Deal**

1. provides a framework for large-scale investment in decarbonisation, green re-industrialisation, and provision of universal basic services to build a prosperous society for the many

2. must prioritise poor and working class people in the UK and globally, who are disproportionately harmed by climate breakdown
3. must include radically expanded public and shared ownership and democratic control of industry and services;
4. must be developed collaboratively with frontline and vulnerable communities, unions, academia – including encouraging and assisting local authorities and parish / town councils to implement measures to achieve net-zero emissions by 2030

**C. Resolves that Labour should implement an appropriate package of measures including:**

- achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030;
- rapidly phasing out fossil fuels – ending subsidies, banning fracking;
- massive investment in renewable energy, providing secure, quality jobs in publicly- and community-owned businesses;
- ensuring a just transition for every workplace and community affected, to include:
  - establishing local, secure, quality, decently-waged, unionised jobs for all;
  - decarbonisation plans developed by the people who will implement and experience them;
  - supporting every person and every industry to drive this transformation with retraining and financing;
- incorporating the principles of the circular economy into manufacturing industry by law;
- taking energy, water, Royal Mail, railways and buses back into democratic public ownership;
- Universal Basic Services:
  - free, accessible, carbon-free public transport;
  - electric vehicle charging infrastructure;
  - sustainable, affordable housing through:
    - building and refurbishing affordable, secure, high-quality housing for all with low-carbon construction and standards;
    - regulating the rental and housing markets for more equitable distribution;
  - Universal Basic Income;
  - state funded and provided health and social care;
  - state funded whole life training and education;
  - internet access;

- working with farmers to decarbonise agriculture, protect soil quality, and promote biodiversity and landscape restoration;
- promoting the principles of food sovereignty in resourcing local, democratic and sustainable food production;
- extending carbon sinks and wildlife habitats via reforestation and restoration;
- defining new human rights:
  - clean air and water;
  - healthy food;
  - access to nature;
- supporting climate transitions in developing countries by increased transfers of finance, technology and capacity;
- welcoming climate refugees while taking measures against displacement of people from their homes.

**South-East Cornwall Labour, June 2019**