**High Peak Liberal Democrats**

**Constituency Executive Meeting**

**Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2019**

**At**

**The Windy Harbour Hotel, Old Glossop**

1. **Apologies**

R Lyon, M Smitham, A Forbes, M Weaver, C Weaver, J Simm, B Taylor, K Parry, N O’Connor, A Shaw, K Braithwaite, A Debes

1. **Development strategy**

R Atkins presented a draft strategy document to the meeting for discussion and comment.

An interesting debate took place and amongst other issues the following ideas were discussed:

* Must try to ride recent national success.
* Contact new members so that we can generate support, find more candidates and encourage more members to volunteer. Lack of suitable candidates in Glossop noted.
* Use social media to full advantage to catch a younger audience.
* Produce more petitions to galvanise local support.
* We need to mobilise members.
* Utilising local events such as carnivals to publicise the party locally.

The draft document will be circulated electronically for further comment so that it can be modified as necessary and agreed at the next meeting (see attached).

The possibility of obtaining a marked register identifying who votes so we can potentially focus our efforts on the electorate who turn out consistently was discussed and will be explored.

The possibility of pact with the Green party, as has been done elsewhere in Derbyshire, was discussed and will be explored.

1. **Leadership election**

The pros and cons of both leadership candidates were discussed and it was agreed that it was hard to separate them, with both having the potential to be excellent leaders.

1. **PPC**

The selection process has been re-started, the advert is live and closes at 5 pm on Friday 2nd August 2019

1. **Reports**

A climate emergency motion is being put forward at the next HPBC meeting and R Atkins reported that he was now on the economy and growth committee.

The issue of waste disposal/recycling was discussed at some length:

* It was noted that whilst the use of biodegradable food bags is still technically a trial it is expected to become permanent.
* A new scheme on collection of small electrical appliances is to begin soon.
* Waste vehicles are to be fitted with CCTV which will help reduce instances of the contamination of recycling and will hopefully reduce the number of instances of bins being “lost”.

1. **Social event**

A BBQ is to be held on the afternoon of Sunday 4th August, with D Rayworth very kindly agreeing to host. The event will be advertised to gauge numbers for catering.

A Shaw is in the process of assessing venues for another social event to be held in Glossop with the primary aim of engaging new Glossop based members but that will also be open to all.

1. **Member’s issues**

A Forbes is running an “Anti-Brexit LibDem stall” at the Crescent in Buxton on Saturday 27th July between 10 am – 3 pm. Volunteers are required to man the stall and this will be advertised as result.

A Debes has contributed his ideas as to what our “three major national issues” should be for campaigning. This was discussed a little but needs further thought.

D Rayworth reported back on his attendance at the Derbyshire Lib Dems meeting (see attached).

1. **Next meeting**

7:30 pm on Wednesday 25th September 2019 atSycamore Inn, Birch Vale.

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| **Action** | **Responsible** | **Time scale** |
| Commence PPC process | Roy Lyon, Barrie Taylor, Jane Simm | Immediate |
| Circulate draft strategy document | Stephen Worrall | Immediate |
| Contact electoral services department about obtaining a marked register. | Stephen Worrall | September 2019 |
| Investigate the possibility of collaboration with the Green Party. | Stephen Worrall | September 2019 |
| Advertise BBQ to get numbers | Stephen Worrall | Immediate |
| Assess venues for Glossop social | Anne Shaw | Immediate |
| Advertise Anti Brexit Lib Dem stall | Stephen Worrall | Immediate |