

Doing what we say & saying what we do

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IDEAS and ACTION

I'm back in the fray and see SLF as having a central role in articulating & delivering our vision for world we are now facing. I want to help SLF make that happen.

A record of ideas and action on Sustainability

- Emeritus Professor of Sustainability and Law
- Member of the 2018/19 Party Climate Change Policy Group
- Won national and international awards for putting my theories into practice in mobilising young people to put 140,000 hours into sustainability projects in Bristol in one year.

Diversity and Community Politics

Articulating the link - from a 1980s booklet on Liberal Feminism to a chapter in the most recent SLF book, *The Wolves in the Forest*

- Councillor continuously since 1983 (Group leader 1986 - 1999)
- Served on eg Federal Policy Committee, Vice chair of ALC /ALDC, chaired English party appeals process. Joined the Liberal Party in 1979
- Former Parliamentary candidate
- Represented the party in the past on eg BBC TV Question Time
- Professor of Sustainability and Law Bristol University
- Centre Fellow, Cambridge Centre for Property Law
- Quaker



A commitment to developing new ideas & campaigning with like minded radicals

We have a unique opportunity this year

- The 50th anniversary of the Assembly motion committing us to community politics - as a political philosophy, rather than an electoral tactic.
- The 40th anniversary of the publication of *Theory and Practice of Community Politics*
- A party that is rethinking its core narrative
- A world that is rethinking in light of covid, and changed international relationships.

We need to show the centrality of community politics over central control politics - not as a way to win elections but as a basic political philosophy and the underpinning of a resilient society.

I've been working to deliver community politics on the ground in my home town and in my academic work for 40 years - working inside and outside formal structures. And yes, we've won every local election we've fought in that time, but community politics is about an empowered society not an election tactic.