

CAMBERWELL & PECKHAM GREEN NEWS

Winter 2018



'SOUTHWARK NEEDS TO DECLARE A CLIMATE EMERGENCY'

COUNCIL'S 32-YEAR PLAN WON'T PROTECT TODAY'S CHILDREN FROM THE IMPACT OF GLOBAL WARMING

Humanity has just 12 years to prevent devastating climate breakdown. Without rapid action, floods, droughts and extreme heatwaves will become more frequent and more destructive.

In response to the recent IPCC report (see box on right), **Bristol City Council** has declared a climate emergency and set a target of making the city carbon neutral by 2030. **Southwark Council's target is way off – in 2050.**

Camberwell-based air pollution campaigner Eleanor Margolies said, 'Time is running out. We can't wait for the UN

or national government to do something about climate change. Like Bristol, Southwark needs to declare a climate emergency.'

How could Southwark go carbon neutral by 2030?

- electric vehicles for the council's fleet,
- high energy efficiency standards for new buildings,
- streets improved to enable safe walking and cycling,
- zero food waste.

We think these are steps Southwark Council needs to take. Do you agree?

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report published in October 2018 calls for **urgent action** to keep to a **maximum increase of 1.5°C** in average global temperature. The world is on average 1°C warmer than it was before we started to burn large amounts of fossil fuels like coal and gas. The IPCC says planting forests and shifting to renewable energy and electric transport will help to limit climate change. The cost of doing nothing would be far higher.

SWITCH OFF ENGINES TO LOOK AFTER LUNGS

Air pollution causes asthma attacks, cancer, strokes, lung and heart disease. It stops children's lungs and brains from growing properly. The biggest source of air pollution in London is transport, especially diesel engines.

It's actually against the law to keep your engine running when stopped, and in Southwark you could get an £80 fine.

Southwark Green Party has produced a free postcard to inform drivers about the law and help reduce air pollution. If you would like some postcards to give to friends and neighbours, email contact@southwark.greenparty.org.uk.

THE REALITY CHECK

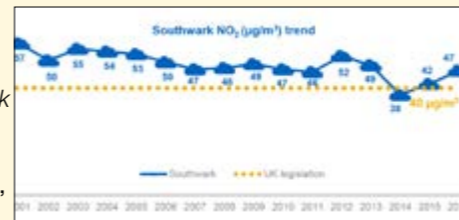
SOUTHWARK LABOUR'S RECORD ON THE ENVIRONMENT



1. THE SLOGAN ON AIR POLLUTION, SPRING 2018

THE FACTS

Source: Southwark Council Transport Plan Annual Monitoring Report, January 2018.



Air pollution has increased every year since 2014.

2. THE TWEET ON RECYCLING



99% of the waste in @lb_southwark does not end up in a landfill. That's the highest rate of recycling of all inner London boroughs. Well done to @So... achieving this!

Rank	Council	Rate (%)
283	Pendle Borough Council	34.1%
284	Southwark LB	34.0%
285	Luton Borough Council	33.8%
	East Hampshire District Council	29.8%

THE FACTS

Source: www.letsrecycle.com

Labour councillors are mixing two things up in this comment. Most of Southwark's waste is **burnt** at the SELCHP plant in Deptford instead of being recycled or composted. Southwark Council sent **just 34%** of household waste for reuse, recycling or composting last year. True, this is the highest rate in inner London. But we don't see much to boast about there! Other English councils manage double that. Southwark is placed **284 out of 350** English local authorities.

YOUR GREEN VOICE IN CITY HALL

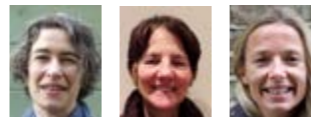


Did you know that you have two elected Green representatives at City Hall? Green Assembly Members Caroline Russell (above) and Siân Berry hold the Mayor to account, making sure he delivers on his promises to reduce air pollution and make travelling around London safer on foot, bus and cycle.

In November, Caroline spoke about her work on the London Assembly at a public meeting in East Dulwich. She says Sadiq Khan is 'going very, very slowly'. The Mayor pledged to triple the capital's cycle lanes to 90km but so far only 10km has been completed – and he's been in office for two and a half years. The ultra-low emission zone (ULEZ) for motor vehicles will come into force in central London from April next year, with the whole of inner London covered by 2021. Caroline's concerned that residential areas just outside the South Circular won't be protected from pollution by the ULEZ.

More details: southwarkgreenparty.org.uk/caroline_russell

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We'd love to hear from you!
– Eleanor, Paula and Susie

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USEFUL LINKS

All welcome at our 'Third Thursdays' monthly discussion and social. Thursday 17 January: 'Your Southwark neighbourhood – do you feel involved?'

www.southwarkgreenparty.org.uk/events

Protect yourself from air pollution – includes advice for parents, commuters and older people: healthyair.org.uk

Join us! join.greenparty.org.uk

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