

Replacement for Brighton Conference Fringe

Climate Cluster LIVE – A Turning Point

Wednesday 12th October – National Liberal Club

Sadly, we lost our Annual Conference to the mourning period and funeral for Queen Elizabeth II, and, with the lost conference, we also lost all of our environmental fringe meetings. So, Green Lib Dems have taken a bold initiative to replace those `lost` meetings with a special “One-day Conference” to be held in London at the National Liberal Club on Wednesday 12th October, in the Lady Violet Room.

Support and co-branding – Sustainability Hub and ALDC

The event has been organised by the **Green Liberal Democrats** with support from Sustainability Hub, with funds from Cadent, who were going to support one of our fringes. And we also have the support of ALDC with a mailing of ALDC members who may benefit from GLD campaigning support in next year`s local elections.

Sustainability Hub support has enabled us to offer a lunchtime reception with the excellent culinary reputation of the Liberal Club`s kitchens. The lunch options will all be vegetarian.

The venue (& virtual link)

The Lady Violet Room of the National Liberal Club has a capacity of 50 people, theatre-style, so if you wish to come along you need to book early before all the places are taken. For anyone too distant to get to the meeting, or if you can only attend for part of the day, this will be a hybrid conference with a Zoom link which should allow you to both watch and listen as well as participate with questions to the panels of speakers. Doors will open at 9.30am with a tea and coffee welcome – with a formal start at 10.15am – and the day will conclude at 4.30pm.

Conference Topics and speakers

We have chosen the title “Climate Cluster Live – A Turning Point”, since the morning session, at least, will effectively replace the Climate Cluster meeting for that week.

The morning meeting will start at 10.15 and conclude at 12.55, providing for a two-part event with a networking break in the middle.

Morning sessions

10.15am – 11.30am **The Politics of Energy and the Cost of Living**

Chair: **Keith Melton**

Speakers: **Wera Hobhouse MP; Cllr Sarah Dyke** (invited);

Jamie Peters, Friends of the Earth

Our speakers will address the (lack of) Energy Strategy of the New Truss Government with a Q & A session



Networking break with Coffee, tea and soft drinks

11.45am – 12.55pm **Alternatives to Fossil Fuels – a technical panel**

Chair: **Karen Potter**, Sustainability Hub

Panel: **Alistair Carmichael MP; Cllr Steve Mason;**

Jonathan Collins, Cadent;

Chris Sladen, Geothermal Energy Association;

Mike Haines of COFree Technology;

Mark Petterson, Warwick energy; Offshore wind



Afternoon session

2.00pm – 4.30 pm **The Natural Environment – Doubling Nature - Rewilding**

Presentation of Lib Dem Policy Paper on Natural Environment.

Chair: **Keith Melton**

Speakers: **Tim Farron, MP; Cllr Pippa Heylings**, Environment Lead, LGA.

Helena Horton, Environmental Journalist, The Guardian

Panel discussion plus Q & A **“Updating the Natural Environment Policy Paper for Spring Conference 2023”**



Pricing

The event has been externally supported financially, so there is just a token charge for the event as below, as a contribution to the administration costs for the day.

To book a place please go to Eventbrite [<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/climate-cluster-live-a-turning-point-tickets-429812148707>]

Online access is free, but still requires registration. Once registered you will be provided with a Zoom link to access the event online.

£5 for **GLD members**

£15 for **non-members**

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1st October 2022
Keith Melton
Chair GLD