

Peter Sims & Sam Alston

We are putting ourselves forward for this role because, we feel this is a critical time for Green party policy. There is more scope for society to change direction now, than there has been for a long time. The pandemic, schools strikes and Black Lives Matter protests all highlight our broken system and the desire for a better world.



- We recognise the importance of continuity and consistency in this role.
- We feel there is significant scope to improve how the party defines its policy and communicates it to wider society, See 'new-policy-process' space. Our policy should be an effective tool to grow and empower our councillor base.
- Party policy needs to be disseminated more broadly within the party, in part by engaging local and regional parties in policy discussions. Our policy needs to be useful to our growing membership, councillor base and their communities, as well as having a more general role in political education.
- Groups marginalised and oppressed in society should have a powerful voice in our policy making and development, whether they be young people, the Gypsy Roma Traveller community, women, LGBTQIA+ people or others.
- We feel it's important that Policy Development Coordinator ballot has a nomination from the parties Policy Community.
- As Green Policy becomes the mainstream in post pandemic world we need to build links and highlight policy alignment with external organisations such as: Trade Unions, professional bodies and research organisations.

Peter Sims is heavily involved in the Green Party policy process and is heavily involved in many policy working groups including as working group liaison officer for the Tax & Fiscal Policy Working Group, part of the Land use working group. He is also Website officer for Chiltern Green Party, and was a general election candidate in 2017. He has been working with local Extinction Rebellion and Black Lives Matters groups. Outside the Green Party he is a member of the Core Group of the Green House think tank where he has taken a leading role in the Climate Jobs Modelling work. He has a masters degree in Electronic Engineering and currently works as a freelance broadcast RF Engineer.

Sam Alston is completing a Masters in Climate Change and Energy Policy at SOAS, and works in home care. In the Green Party he has canvassed in 12 different constituencies. He was Campaign Manager for Oxford in the 2019 general election, responsible for social media during the 2019 South East European election campaign and is founding member of Jewish Greens and former Co-chair of South East Young Greens. He has been involved in helping draft responses to climate emergency plans with local parties. He has also co-proposed motions on Youth Policy and Forestry Policy, amendments to Energy Policy motions as well as being a workshop reporter.

