

## Results of Autumn Conference 2021

(See Appendix 1 for amendments from the floor, and Appendix 2 for Emergency Motions)

**A01** Passed subject to:

- insertion at the end of Section 4 proposed by Rachel Collinson
- amendment proposed by Doug Rouxel
- amendment proposed by Peter Sims
- amendment proposed by Claire Nash
- deletion of paragraph starting "To forestall this..." (p11) proposed by Nate Higgins

Motions for fast tracking: motions A15, E05, E07 and E15 were removed from fast tracking. The remaining fast-tracked motions were all passed.

**A02** Passed

**A03** Passed subject to amendment noting that no report was submitted

**A04** Passed

**A05** Passed

**A06** Passed

**A07** Not put

**A08** Passed subject to amendment noting that no report was submitted

**A09** Passed

**A10** Passed with amendment 01, and with amendment 02

**A11** Passed (amendment 01 fell)

**A12** Passed (fast track)

**A13** Passed (fast track)

**A14** Passed (fast track)

**A15** Not put (not in printed agenda)

**B01** Passed

**B02** Passed

**B03** Passed with amendments 2 and 3 (amendment 1 fell). Amendment 3 was corrected by minor textual amendments to read "...those who need to **live** close to **their** job... but also **for** bringing...." (changes in bold)

**C01** Passed (amendments 1 & 2 fell)

**C02** Passed (fast track)

**C03** Passed with amendment 1 (amendments 2 & 3 fell)

**D01** Passed with amendments 1, 2 and 3

**D02** Passed (fast track)

**D03** Referred back

**D04** Passed

**D05** Passed (fast track)

**D06** Passed

**D07 and other remaining D motions** Not put

**E01** Passed (fast track)

**E02** Passed (fast track)

**E03** Passed (fast track)

**E04** Passed (fast track)

**E05** Referred back

**E06** Referred back

**E07** Not put

**E08** Passed (fast track)

**E09** Not put

**E10** Passed (fast track)

**E11** Passed (fast track)

**E12** Not put

**E13** Passed (fast track)

**E14** Not put

**E15** Not put

**E16** Passed (fast track)

## Appendix 1 - Texts of amendments from the floor

*Amendment to A01 from Doug Rouxel:*

In the SOC Report, under ruling "Leader or Co-Leader Term of Office", top of second column of Page 17 in the agenda.

Before "SOC By Majority Ruled" insert:

"This is the text of Section 8, Clause XI of the constitution:

xi) If there are Co-leaders and one of the Co-Leaders resigns, there will be a byelection for both Co-Leaders. If there are two deputy leaders, should one of the deputy leaders resign, there will be a byelection for both deputy leaders. They shall serve a term lasting as if they were starting following the result of the previous Annual Ballot, or if held after May, lasting as if it were starting following the result of the next Annual Ballot."

In the paragraph which starts:

"Taking Section 8 Clause XI of the Constitution to mean that an election taking place 'after May' (as this one is)..."

Delete "May" and replace with "this election".

Delete "2021" and replace with "2022".

So that it reads:

"Taking Section 8 Clause XI of the Constitution to mean that an election taking place 'after May' (as this one is) will result in the winners serving a term lasting as if they were starting following the result of the 'next Annual Ballot'. At time of submission this is taken to mean the next Annual Ballot after this election i.e. to be held in Autumn of 2022."

In the paragraph which starts:

"Under Section 8 Clause V the elections for..."

Delete "2023" and replace with "2024".

So that it reads:

"Under Section 8 Clause V the elections for Leaders/Co-Leaders shall take place every 2 years. The term of those Leaders or Co-Leaders elected in the 2021 by-election will therefore last until Autumn of 2024."

Delete the whole of the following paragraph:

"SOC recognises that this creates the possibility of elections becoming staggered yearly

between Leaders and Deputy Leaders, which is undesirable for administrative, financial and other reasons."

*Amendment to A01 from Ashley Routh*

On page 11, following the second paragraph that begins "recognised green party groups"

Insert a new paragraph which reads:

(Conference has determined that the reclassification of email pledges as 'hustings' is erroneous, and not consistent with previous rulings, nor with the definition of the word 'hustings')

*Wording for A03 and A08 sections*

Conference notes that Part 8 section (x) of the Constitution states that: *'the Leader and Deputy Leader(s) or Co-Leaders will present an Annual Report to Conference'*.

Conference further notes that such a report has not been submitted.

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Conferences notes that Part 14 section (iii) of the Constitution states that: *'the Campaigns Committee shall submit a written report to each annual conference'*.

Conference further notes that such a report had not been submitted.

## **Appendix 2 – Emergency Motions**

### **EMERGENCY MOTION PROPOSED BY ALEXANDER SALLONS, voted on 23.10.2021**

Synopsis: This motion expresses solidarity with the BFAWU having disaffiliated from the Labour Party, affirms our support for them in their fight for a £15/hour minimum wage, calls for an end to age-based pay discrimination and demands better work and conditions for all workers.

Motion Text: Insert into the Record of Policy Statements:

On 28th September 2021 the Bakers Food and Allied Workers Union disaffiliated from the Labour Party after 119 years of continuous affiliation, citing the party leadership's unwillingness to campaign for a proper living wage of £15 an hour for all workers, regardless of age.

The Green Party of England and Wales expresses our solidarity with the BFAWU following their disaffiliation, state our support for their campaign 'Fight for 15' for a £15-an-hour minimum wage, for an end to age-based pay discrimination and for better working conditions for all workers.

Conference notes the recent polling by Autonomy UK with Survation found that 65% of the UK public supports a £15-an-hour minimum wage.

Conference notes BFAWU has led on climate justice within the labour movement, including in 2017 proposing a successful TUC motion calling for a just transition to a renewable energy industry, energy democracy and recognition of environmental reps.

Conference further notes our shared ambition to build a just and sustainable food supply chain to address the ecological emergency.

Conference requests the Leaders contact BFAWU to express our party's solidarity with them and to state there can be no climate justice without social justice. Green Party policy is clear that we need to develop an economy which must be socially and economically just, which entails respect for workers' rights and economic security for all. The Green Party recognises the right to dignity at work, just conditions, a fair wage and security of employment.

### **EMERGENCY MOTION PROPOSED BY GREGORY LESLIE, voted on 24.10.2021**

Conference calls upon GPEx, Green councillors and Party members to take urgent action in the light of this weeks announcement that a very large number of Afghan refugees are still languishing in hotels. This potentially compounds their psychological trauma. There are councils which are ignoring offers by the public to host refugees. Conference calls on GPEx, Green councillors and Green Party members to

- a. press all UK councils to immediately accept public offers to host Afghan refugees (provided the accommodation is suitable and appropriate checks are carried out).
- b. speedily find permanent accommodation for refugees

Conference also calls on

c. Green Party members to offer to host Afghan refugees if they have a spare room or if not, to ask their family, friends or contacts to host them

Conference also calls on Green councillors and members

d. to press Her Majesty's government to provide local councils and housing associations with special funding to facilitate their building of permanent accommodation for the refugees