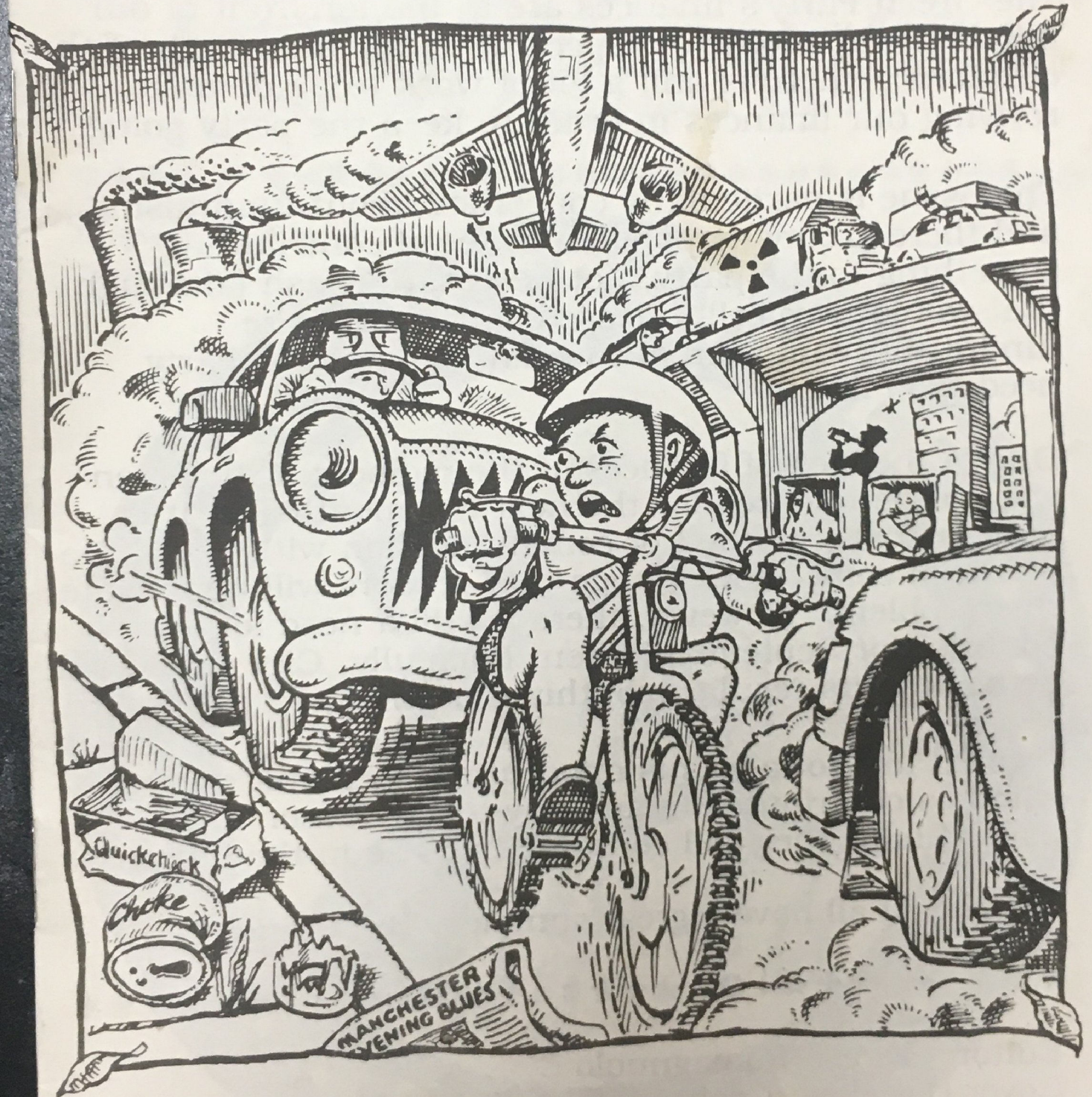


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# THE PERMACULTURE PLOT

Ninety-seven per-cent of our planet's water is salty, and therefore not too good for drinking or watering crops. And the bulk of the precious remainder is locked up in ice, mostly in Antarctica. (Not for long! you might say, what with global warming...)

Britain is reckoned to be a fairly soggy country, and rumour has it that Manchester's blessed with more than its share of this indispensable resource. Yet we've been having a series of dry years, when water has sometimes had to be rationed, and streams serving farms have dried up. In fact, our groundwater levels are at their lowest for a very long time, possibly ever. So what are we doing to guarantee our supplies?

Well, firstly we take most of what falls from the sky onto our towns and channel it straight into the sea. Not altogether wise, in that the sea's generally thought to be wet enough, whereas the earth needs quite a lot more than it's been getting. A basic principle of permaculture is that we should turn problems into solutions; but our water authorities do the opposite, turning our most vital resource into a problem - rainwater is something to be got rid of.

Then we 'purify' (ie. put chemicals into) what's left, so it's fit for human consumption with or without a water filter. We squirt lots of this out of rotten old pipes onto roads etc, whence it goes down drains and away to the coast. Entire bucketfuls go to industry, to make useful chemicals and nuclear power and clothes that last a good six months. Quite a lot goes to the meat industry, which produces protein at least a tenth as efficiently as vegetables, for a mere eight times as much water.

We pour much of what's left into our flush toilets, urinate and defaecate into it and dispose of it (along with those other valuable resources) into the sea. What's left goes into the sink or the bath, is used a bit, then thrown away like a bottle or other non-reusable container.

Some cranks say you should put a brick in your cistern! Or don't flush the loo just because you've put half a pint of pee into it! Or divert greywater (from bath or sink) onto the garden, or to wash your bike! And these permaculturalists even talk about *harvesting* rainwater!

What's all the fuss about anyway, when all we need do to get water is turn on the tap?...

But seriously: please get used to the idea that water is a valuable resource. Individuals and families **can** make a big difference to the level of our reservoirs, by being conscious of the effects of their actions. Having a shower instead of a bath, reusing greywater, eating less meat, consuming fewer manufactured goods, even turning off the tap while brushing your teeth; these might sound trivial and obvious, but can save gallons a day. If everyone makes their contribution, there won't be the usual panic next summer if there are two consecutive sunny weeks.

Spencer Fitz-Gibbon

## Announcement

THE FIRST EVER GREEN PARTY HOLIDAY  
AND POST-ELECTION PARTY

3 - 9 AUGUST 1992

Vale of White Horse, Oxfordshire

Camping, eating, drinking, singing, dancing, talking, walks, countryside, workshops, gossip, lie-ins, esoteric ceremonies, campfires, debates, games, sunshine, toys, politics, nice people. Also other activities, if you care to arrange them or just let them happen when the mood takes you.

Details from Peter Lang, 34 Howard Rd, Newbury, Berks RG14 7QD.

(Any volunteers to co-ordinate transport for the Manchester contingent?)



## TAKING THE LONG VIEW

OK, so 5 years isn't very long in ecological terms. But before we know it the next general election will be upon us, we'll have no money and too few members, the press will still be ignoring us, and ecological destruction will have matured 5 years.

Alternatively we might just forge a long-term strategy to take us through the next election. We might just raise our credibility level high enough to attain regular serious press attention. We might just be able to demonstrate to parts of the electorate that we are fit to be elected to the city council. It will involve sustained, coherent effort.

First there's the local elections on May 7th. After that, it's time to talk about a sustainable strategy for the next few years. STRATEGY will be on the agenda at the next business meeting: please give all the benefit of your thought then or beforehand.

## WILMSLOW ROAD CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The radical plan to green this unique radial route is to go ahead - but slowly. Following the Department of Motorways (sorry, Transport)'s refusal to budge on funding it, the scheme will go ahead anyway, but in dribs and drabs.

This is no cause to rejoice. The longer it takes to sort out the Wilmslow Road corridor, the longer it will take to get round to greening the rest of the city's radial routes. Greenhouse effect, here we come!

But let's not slacken up. When the hue and cry from the April 9 pretence at Democracy has died down, we must decide what to do next. Will the new government relent? Will the city council get its finger out and find the money anyway? Stay tuned....

## Magpie's Snowed In !!

In an effort to drag still more of you in to the Magpie Draw, its format will be changed, starting from this month. It will now be known as the Magpie Snowball. Silly name, I know, but the thing that was wrong with the Magpie Draw was the silly puny-ness of the prizes. So now each of you that enters the Magpie Snowball will be assigned a number. The winning number will now be drawn from out of 100. If no-one has that number, the prize (still 25% of the total entered) will go on to next month's prize. This should make the prizes a little more attractive, and hopefully persuade more of you to send a cheque to me, **Mike Daw**, for £12 for a year's stakes or, take out a standing order. Our bank details are:

Manchester Green Party,  
TSB Withington Branch,  
Wilmslow Rd.,

Sort Code 77-19-26; Account No. 12339168

Please let me know if you start a standing order. Address and phone number (a new one!) are in the Contacts page at the back.

Remember, you can enter the Snowball at any time, and have an equal chance to get the prize as it snowballs up to ludicrously large amounts of money! Those already in the Magpie Draw will automatically be in the Snowball, and need not apply, as they say.

## MAGPIE SNOWBALL

There was no winner of the £3 in this month's Magpie Snowball. This total will be thrown back into the big pot ready for next month.



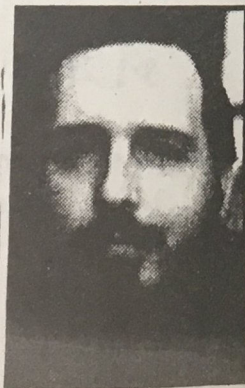
## Czechs aid Greens

CZECH student Latka Kotabova is helping Green party members in Manchester win votes. The Prague environmentalist is one of 24 Greens from Czechoslovakia aiding their British counterparts.

## Balaclava protest

GREEN campaigners from Gorton wore sunglasses and balaclavas in Manchester city centre today to protest about dangers posed by chemicals which deplete the ozone layer.

● GREEN Party candidate Brian Candeland pledges to cut Metrolink tram fares and bus fares by a quarter. He said: "Our manifesto commits us to invest heavily in mass transit schemes. The Greens would transfer billions from roadbuilding into public transport and improved facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. S.M. 2/4/92



# Road burden 'destroying community'

GREEN candidate Brian Candeland freewheeled into the debate surrounding the volume of traffic being sent into Withington.

Mr. Candeland, took to two wheels to demonstrate his solution to congestion, as building work started on a £4.2 million programme of improvements to the M56.

He said the extra traffic pouring onto Princess Road would destroy the community spirit of villages like Didsbury and Withington.

"Traffic through Withington is already heavy and the extra congestion this will bring is unacceptable," he said.

"Add to that the rapid safety problems and the pollution that will be created and you have the recipe for chaos."

Department of Transport contractors begin work on Friday on a ten week upgrading and improvement of the M56 between junctions three and four.

And a DoT spokesman



BIKING: Mr. Candeland.

confirmed that the government has long term plans to make a three mile stretch of the M56 a four lane highway in both directions.

He said: "Money is available in the next financial year and the result of a public inquiry is awaited."

"Any expansion of the motorway would take place within the existing highway boundaries. There is room to spare on the land the motorway already occupies."

## ELECTION TONIGHT Power to the people

THE Green Party has pledged to give away millions of energy-efficient electric light bulbs if they win the election.

Guy Otten, Green candidate for Manchester Wythenshawe, said: "Enough bulbs would be given away to save the cost of building a new power station."

### be nearby

AS one of the three parliamentary candidates present at the C.H.C. public meeting on Withington Hospital, I would like the opportunity to comment.

Whilst much more could be done towards prevention, there will always be a need for hospital services. Such services should be easily accessible to local people.

To replace Withington with a single site hospital anywhere outside the area would reduce accessibility for many thousands of people. I would oppose such a move.

In addition, health services must be accountable to the people, and not to unelected individuals from outside the area.

Brian Candeland,  
Green Party Candidate,  
Devonshire Road,  
Chorlton.

## Praise for a green future

THE Green Party's 10-point election manifesto, launched last week, has been praised by local candidate Brian Candeland.

He said: "We must make a firm commitment to radical controls on carbon dioxide emissions, as scientists agree that the ecological time bomb of global warming is ticking away."

"The other parties are fiddling while the earth burns."

Wednesday, April 1, 1992

## ELECTION TONIGHT Tragic loss for Greens

GREEN party activist Alan Jons has died after collapsing during a school debate. Mr Jons, 62, from Unsworth in Bury collapsed at Bury Grammar School for Girls as pupils listened to representatives from different political parties.

He later died in hospital. Grandfather Mr Jons had belonged to the Green party for more than seven years.

X marks  
the spot

X IT IS a myth that the control of inflation should be the key objective of government policy. The first question people should be asking is, "How would you achieve environmental sustainability?"

An environmental crisis is likely unless we completely change direction. We need a massive redirection of our priorities and a transformation of our economy. Only a Green Party budget would enable us to live within the capability of the planet to support life. It would also compensate the poorer sections of society affected by environmental taxation.

West Green Party, North  
Bernard Ekbery, Chorlton  
MEN 13/4/92

## Green thinking

S.M. 2/4/92

THE GREEN PARTY are bringing their own brand of politics to Manchester, dismissing the other parties' attempts to take on environmental issues.

Withington candidate Bernard Ekbery said: "Other parties pick up on the word, but they don't really understand the idea."

Mr Ekbery believes that the local elections just the place for Green thinking to go into action. "The Green mentality is to think globally, but to act locally," he said.

Jane Buchan, for Old Moat, said: "People come before profit and Green politics at a local level brings quality of life and restores life to decaying communities."

Brian Candeland, candidate for Chorlton, wants a fairer deal for pedestrians, cyclists and users of public transport and to protect local green space.

Barlow Moor candidate Howard

## Greens' black day

MEN 20/3/92

THE Greens lost their only county council seat in England. Last night's byelection saw the Tories sweep them out of the Isle of Wight's St Helens and Nettlestone division.

# 'Olympic' Greens under attack

By Carl Johnston

GREEN Party leaders have been blasted for saying Manchester's Olympic bid should be examined for its impact on the environment.

The party asked the city's Environment Forum to conduct a full inquiry into the "negative aspects" of the Games.

But they were met by a storm of protest from other forum members.

said it was wrong to start looking at the negative side of the Olympic bid six years after the city decided it wanted them.

But Green Party spokesman Spencer Fitz-Gibbon said: "Certain forum members were being completely undemocratic."

"They keep stressing that the

but the first time it looks as though it might say something the council doesn't like, they want to gag it.

"All we want is for something like an environmental impact assessment on the extra pollution, litter, costs of policing and the effects on employees."

An Olympic Bid spokesman said: "We're very conscious of environmental issues in every decision we take and we'll continue to monitor



# LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS - MAY 7th

| Ward          | Candidate           | Green vote | Percent |
|---------------|---------------------|------------|---------|
| Ardwick       | Ann Salter          | 61         | 4.38    |
| Baguley       | Jonathan Booty      | 45         | 1.37    |
| Barlow Moor   | Howard Bramwell     | 127        | 3.75    |
| Bradford      | Mike Daw            | 48         | 3.05    |
| Brooklands    | Rachel Cooke        | 76         | 2.03    |
| Burnage       | Peter Thompson      | 104        | 3.38    |
| Central       | Paul Harrison       | 52         | 4.27    |
| Chorlton      | Brian Candeland     | 294        | 6.73    |
| Didsbury      | Rob Goater          | 131        | 2.62    |
| Gorton North  | Spencer Fitz-Gibbon | 45         | 1.29    |
| Gorton South  | Mike Shaw           | 73         | 2.32    |
| Hulme         | Paul Williamson     | 117        | 10.47   |
| Levenshulme   | Lance Crookes       | 185        | 4.97    |
| Longsight     | Juliet Denham       | 134        | 5.94    |
| Moss Side     | Phil Boast          | 149        | 8.33    |
| Northenden    | Guy Otten           | 76         | 2.19    |
| Old Moat      | June Buchan         | 191        | 5.36    |
| Rusholme      | Bruce Bingham       | 192        | 7.56    |
| Sharston      | Gary Lawson         | 104        | 4.28    |
| Whalley Range | Chayley Collis      | 109        | 3.07    |
| Withington    | Bernard Ekbery      | 199        | 5.4     |

TOTAL 2562 4.14

We came 4th out of 4 wherever we stood except for in Hulme where Paul Williamson beat the LibDem and in Moss Side where the Tories didn't stand.

On the whole not a very good set of results, but there was not much energy for campaigning left over from the General Election. The next lot of local elections are not until 1994, so plenty of time to recuperate.

## MEMOIRS OF A CANDIDATE

I'd been a local election candidate before, and a European Election candidate, but this was much more intense - Withington was seen as the most interesting seat in Manchester and the pressure never let up.

Firstly some statistics for the 4 week campaign in Withington:

5 "Any Questions" format all-candidate meetings  
(total attendance about 600 people)

2 "Any Questions" format live radio debates

18 items of correspondence from organisations and constituents to reply to

Coverage every week in the 2 local 'freebies'

8 people canvassing on average on the last 3 evenings of the campaign.

My only criticisms of the "Any Questions" type public meetings were that they were too short and there were not enough of them! I was just getting into the swing of them when the campaign finished. Also, having thought of some better answers than those which I actually gave, I would really like to go back in time and do the meetings again.

The local press coverage was amazing - more than the Party has ever achieved before. In one issue of the "South Manchester Reporter" I was described in different places as 'formidable', 'impressive' and 'frisky' (I'm still puzzled by that last one). I was consistently treated as an equal of the other 'main party' candidates - an advance on 5 years ago in itself. However, it was hard work trying to live up to this honour in terms of campaign activity, given our limited resources.

Although the result was disappointing in terms of number of votes (725), we know from canvassing that our level of support is really higher and that many people were voting tactically. Even so the result in Withington was 50% up on 1987. In any case I believe our standing did influence the agenda and confirmed our place as a fully-fledged political party.

I should like to thank all those members who contributed to the campaign in any way. To those who didn't, you can make amends now by sending a small (or large) donation to help get the party back in the black.

BRIAN CANDELAND



## A hundred and one good ideas...

...are what the party needs to get it back into the black. We have an approximate deficit of £600 following the cost of the General Election. We need this money desperately in order to function.

If each Manchester Green Party member were to send in a **GOOD IDEA** about how to raise £600 then we would be solvent again. If you can't think of a **GOOD IDEA** then here are a few suggestions for you to use:

jumble sales;  
street collections;  
lotteries;  
classified columns (HINT!);  
sponsored walk/run/crawl/yogic parachute jump etc.

With approximately 100 party members we would then have 101 **GOOD IDEAS**.

So all you need to do is to write out your **GOOD IDEA** and send it to Mike Daw along with a cheque/postal order for £6.00 and we are, as they say, sorted. Get the idea?

Lance Crookes

## SKILL SHARE

If anyone has a skill of any kind which they would be willing to donate for one day please contact me (Lance Crookes) or Teresa. The idea is that you charge at a less than standard rate and your wage for the day/half day/ hour etc is paid to the Green Party.

A skill can be anything from baby sitting to bike, or car, repairs, gardening etc. Are you a teacher, for example, helping with swatting up could be of great benefit at this time of the academic year.

This is an excellent way to help a friend and help the Green Party. What I would like to see eventually is people exchanging skills on a non-cash basis, but more of that later. At the moment we need funds to get the party out of its cash crisis. Doing this on a one-off, if everyone contributed, could raise several thousand pounds.

I'll set the ball rolling now:

Joiner for hire for one day  
(8hrs or 2 x 4hrs pro rata)  
For details phone Lance on 256 2065

## CLASSIFIEDS

### £50 and under:

Electric wind organ - ex Church, only £30 full donation to the Green Party. Phone John/Ged on 225 9337.

### £10 and under:

Gents 10 speed racer, only £10. Phone Lance 256 2065.  
Venetian blinds, Green or pink, assorted sizes, £1 each.  
Phone Ged 225 9337.



# INFO PAGE...

**RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** Following on from workshops at spring conference, there will be a weekend of discussion in Leamington Spa in June. The ultimate aim is to produce a statement of the Green Party's philosophy.

**TRANSPORT CONFERENCE** of the Greater Manchester Green Parties: late summer or early autumn. To co-ordinate joint campaigning on this vital issue.

**FURTHER INFORMATION** in forthcoming City Greens, or from Spencer on 225 4539.

## Situation(s) Vacant

Are you interested in a literary career with substantial monetary gain? No! Good! Then how about becoming involved in editing City Green. No previous experience necessary, just a bit of enthusiasm and energy (not essential, as present editor can prove.) The job requires a few hours of work per month.

If you are interested then contact Teresa on 434 7494.

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