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The Newsletter of York Green Party

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Flooding, fracking and time for a new politics

Green Party co-leader, Jonathan Bartley visited York on 3rd Nov, speaking to around 300 students at the University of York. He met with local anti-fracking campaign groups to underline the Green Party's support for residents in North and East Yorkshire opposing fracking for shale gas. He also discussed responses to the Boxing Day floods with Environment Agency officials, whilst visiting the Foss Barrier. (pictured)



Left to right: Cllr Denise Craghill, Rosie Baker, Cllr Andy D'Agorne, Lord Mayor Dave Taylor, Green Party Co-leader Jonathan Bartley and Sheriff of York, Jonathan Tyler, visiting the Foss Barrier at the beginning of November with Environment Agency officials.

Jonathan welcomed the investment in increased capacity for the flood barrier, along with the £45million to be spent in York on new flood defences (see below). He added that we must also invest quickly in 'upstream' measures such as changed land drainage, tree planting and 'slowing the flow', as well as tackling the root cause – climate change. Meeting UK commitments at the Paris climate talks should be at the core of Government policy, which means an end to promoting fracking and getting on with investment in job creating green industries. We know how to do this – we just need the political will to work together to achieve it.

Environment Agency Public Exhibition – update on flood defence plans for York

Including Foss Barrier and other defences.

Environment Agency, the Council and Yorkshire Water will answer questions.

25th Nov 12 – 7pm; 26th Nov 10am – 5pm
Hotel 53, Piccadilly YO1 9PL



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Weds. 30th Nov. 2016

Ward Residents Meeting

Enforcement, the city centre and the new Business Improvement District

**Friargate Meeting House (Penn Room),
Lower Friargate, YO1 9RL**

6.30 – 7.00pm informal surgery / drop in
7.00 – 9.00pm main meeting

Main speakers: (in response to resident requests at the meeting last May):

CYC Neighbourhood Enforcement Team - talk & discussion covering anti-social/nuisance behaviour, street drinking and similar.

Andrew Lawson from York B.I.D. – priorities for the new Business Improvement District, the BID Rangers programme and future ideas.

There will also be updates on ward spending and time to ask questions/raise issues. All welcome

Guildhall and York in brief



A new mental health hospital for York – have your say

The consultation on a new mental health hospital for York has been extended until 16th January. It asks for views on which of 3 shortlisted sites are preferred (Bootham, Park, Clifton Park or Haxby Rd) and how many beds the new hospital should have. You may also want to comment on the range of services it should provide. Details online at www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk or tel. 01904 555870 to be sent a consultation document.



Cllr Denise Craghill says 'I think it's very important that as many views as possible are heard about where the new hospital should be. I'm also asking for more detailed information to be published on the potential designs, costs, land ownership and travel studies relating to the three site options.'

Minerals, waste and fracking

A consultation on the Minerals & Waste Plan for York, N. Yorkshire & the North Yorks. Moors National Park runs until 21st Dec. Whilst the Government has prevented local authorities from banning fracking in these plans, Green councillors and campaigners in York have pushed for a series of controls including minimum distances from housing, schools, nursing homes; protection for nature conservation sites; controls on waste water and limits on the number of well pads in an area. You can view the whole plan and support these elements if you wish on the Council website (Current Consultations) or in person at West Offices and in all libraries.

In brief

Report slippery leaves on pavements via Report Problems/Street Cleaning on the Council website. All leaves will be cleared in due course but you can help to prioritise this way.

Get help with wall & loft insulation for warmer

homes. A new regional scheme means residents with household incomes up to £35,000 in Guildhall ward may be eligible for between 75% and 100% funding. Contact the Council's Housing Standards and Adaptations team on 01904 552300 or email housing.standards@york.gov.uk

Groves Association AGM & Christmas Party

Weds. 14th Dec. 6.30pm at Sycamore House, Clarence Street.

The Groves Association is a friendly, lively group that welcomes all residents in the area between Lord Mayor's Walk, Monkgate, Huntington Rd. and Clarence Street/Haxby Rd. It aims to look after and improve the area as well as organising events and activities. The group is struggling a bit with illness and desperately needs residents to get involved and/or join the committee; the offer of website/social media & similar skills would also be very welcome. Come along on the 14th or contact grovesassociation@gmail.com to discuss.

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