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Planes, trains & automobiles: Rail is cleaner and greener than road or air

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Climate change, for many years, was a peripheral issue. A hobby horse for a few activists. Not any more. Climate change is a priority for us all because it is affecting us all. And, like so many crises, it will be working people, the poorly paid, and the most vulnerable, who suffer first.

It's not just the plains of Africa, and the rainforests, that have endangered species. In the Shetlands, in little under 20 years, the puffin population has plummeted from 33,000 to just 570.

I know there are difficulties for many trade unionists in dealing with this issue. Some of our members have jobs that are reliant on fossil fuels and nobody wants any worker sold down the river. That is why we need an industrial strategy that focuses on green infrastructure. Because with all crises come opportunities. New jobs. Skilled jobs. Unionised jobs. A just transition.

Transport is the largest polluter in terms of CO₂ emissions. Latest figures show that 33% of carbon dioxide emissions are from the transport sector. But rail accounts for less than 2%. Because rail is far cleaner, and far greener, than road and air.

If more people travelled by train, and bus, rather than in cars or planes, and if we moved more freight onto our railways and waterways, then we would live in a cleaner, greener world.

We need a system that recognises that transport modes should not compete with, but rather complement, each other. The railway must be electrified – so we must reverse the Tories' broken promises and call for an even bolder programme of electrification. And we must recognise that our railway is at capacity – we must re-open old lines and build new lines and, yes, that must include HS2.

"Engaging Labour's 100,000 Young Members"

CLPD Youth Fringe Meeting

Queen's Hotel
6.30pm, Tuesday
(all ages welcome)

Speakers:

Lara McNeil (NEC), Lauren Townsend (CWU), Lily Madigan (Labour Students Women's Officer), Danny Filer (Labour Students Left), Hasan Patel (@CorbynistaTeen), Asif Mohammed (Unite), Jake Rubin (CLPD Youth).

Chair: Gemma Bolton
(Co-Chair, CLPD)

**Pub Social afterwards
at the Druid's Head**

Emergency motion on Kashmir

Support the call today that Labour should stand with the Kashmiri people.

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NCC elections: vote for grassroots candidates

The grassroots' candidates for this year's election to the CLP Section of the National Constitutional Committee (NCC) are Gary Heather, Jabran Hussain and Stephen Marks.

The NCC, elected at Annual Conference by conference delegates, hears disciplinary cases referred to the committee. It is an important body which requires fair and objective members. At this conference three CLP representatives will be elected by CLP delegates. **There is only one ballot paper per CLP.** CLP delegates need to ensure their vote is cast by a totally reliable delegate, who should be in the ballot area at 9am.

The above candidates are supported by the Centre Left Grassroots Alliance. If all three are elected the CLP Section of the NCC will continue to be gender balanced.

NCC, vote:

Re-elect Gary Heather	X
Elect Jabran Hussain	X
Re-elect Stephen Marks	X

Behind the scenes with Tel's Tales

Fake packaging

Jo Swinson has stated that if "Leave" were to win a second referendum she would ignore the result and carry on campaigning for "Remain". Nothing could be less liberal or democratic.

I am crowd funding to mount a challenge under the Trades Descriptions Act on the basis that the Lib-Dems are sailing under false colours.

Heard it on the grapevine

This is what Dominic Cummings has been recorded as saying – "Tory MPs largely do not care about poorer people. They don't care about the NHS. And the public has kind of cottoned on to that."

Turncoat turned Zealot

"Boris Johnson is going to hurl himself at Jeremy Corbyn with the ferocity of a newly uncaged velociprator." Dan Hodges, *Mail on Sunday*, 28th July 2019. Dan was a quite radical Labour Party member, but sadly has gone over to the dark side.

Dire-Guardian Becoming Even More Dire

Yesterday we were treated to yet another sycophantic article about Tom Watson – together with the usual buckets of ordure thrown over Jeremy.

In order to puff up their beloved Watson they stated that the post of Deputy Leader was "century-old". In fact, the post was cobbled together to allow Herbie Morrison to remain on the NEC after he had been voted off.

More nonsense from Swinson

"Hundreds of seats are now in play for us". The *Sunday Times*, 8th July. But the newspaper's journalist were even greater fantasists than Swinson and stated – "some political insiders believe there is a chance that Swinson could end up in No. 10".

Finishing on a High

"How can wealth persuade poverty to use its political freedom to keep wealth in power? Here lies the whole art of Conservative politics in the 20th century." Aneurin Bevan, 1951.

See you next Conference!
Tel

Support the Housing and Homelessness Composites

The volume of CLP motions submitted on housing this year (and the fact they topped the poll in the Priorities Ballot) reflects the deep accommodation crisis gripping the UK. The scale of homelessness amounts to a national emergency.

Most of the housing motions argue for ambitious house building targets. Delegates should support Composite 23 which includes building 155,000 social rented homes per year that specifically includes 100,000 council homes. The composite also includes a commitment

for £10 billion a year to be allocated for this homebuilding programme - to start from the first budget of a Labour government. Delegates are also encouraged to support its call for an end the Right To Buy, rather than just suspending it.

A separate Composite, 19, contains many progressive proposals to address all forms of homelessness and an end to the criminalisation of rough sleeping.

Composites 19 and 23 set out radical housing policies for the next Manifesto. Support them!

Uniting for a radical Green New Deal!

Today provides the opportunity to unite behind a radical and transformative climate change policy reflecting the commitment of Jeremy Corbyn in this vital battle for the future of humanity.

Conference has before it two excellent complimentary composites (both of which should be supported) setting out policy for the fastest possible reduction of carbon emissions, in line with the recommendations of the United Nation's International Panel on Climate Change.

After eleven hours of compositing delegates have come to an agreement on the action needed to decarbonise the economy. Both composites call for the next Labour government to: rapidly phase out fossil fuels, completely ban fracking, take energy into public ownership, invest massively in renewables, hugely expand green public transport, tackle fuel poverty, retrofit homes and buildings to make them zero-carbon, create of thousands unionised green jobs, support developing countries' climate transitions, measure consumption based emissions – not

just those produced on UK soil - and clean up air pollution.

Both composites also put forward the need for bold climate targets – to keep global average temperatures below 1.5°C as a red line. Both raise the need for the scientific community and the trade union movement to play a central role in creating the pathway to a net zero carbon economy ASAP. The Labour Party is one of the most progressive political parties in the entire world on fighting climate change. **Support Composites 16 and 17.**

Fact check – Maduro was elected

Emily Thornberry yesterday, in her conference speech, wrongly characterised Venezuela's Nicolas Maduro as a dictator, when in fact he became President through a free and fair election.

Meanwhile, much of the British labour movement is campaigning against the devastating US sanctions against Venezuela which deny people access to vital medication and supplies. Steve Turner, Unite Assistant General Secretary, made clear to a packed 'Trump - Hands off America' fringe yesterday that Emily's contribution was out of order.

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