

## Green councillors want to:

**Protect Public Services.** Regulating banks and tax avoiders must come before cuts that will damage the lives of everyone.

**Create more green jobs in Bristol** The Green New Deal creates jobs, and brings fuel and food security. Bristol, with its high tech expertise, can deliver.

**Promote the Local Economy.** Encourage local trading networks, making the city more self-reliant. Global mass-retailers are bad news for the local economy.

**Support public transport, cycling and walking** Public transport needs to be cheap, regular, direct and easy to use. Priorities: a Temple Meads hub, smart cards, real time information, plus a safe network of pedestrian and cycle routes, and a general 20mph speed limit.

**Protect our Green spaces.** Selling them would be unsustainable, regressive, unprofitable ( *and generally stupid!* )

**Provide Homes:** We can increase housing stock by redeveloping our 7000 unused buildings and houses in Bristol, and using brown field sites. But we need mechanisms to give local people priority.

**A good local state school for every child** Young people should expect a high standard of education close to home and right for their talents. Academies and PFI rarely provide that.

**Health.** All our policies encourage good physical and mental health. But when things go wrong, we want accessible health centres providing a range of services. We want to work with a stronger (not a privatised) NHS, to support less able people and their carers in the community. We'll oppose any non-essential mass-medication (eg fluoridation of water).

**Promote reuse and recycling of resources:** Bristol needs alternatives to the 'throwaway' economy, promoting repair and reuse together with locally based plans for reducing waste, litter, and flytipping.

**Save energy.** We support insulation and energy saving as the best ways to reduce our CO<sub>2</sub> output. Nuclear is not an option. Solar, tidal and wind are.

**We need a progressive voice in Bristol politics. Just one more Green councillor will give us the influence of a 'party' on the council.** Green councillors will work hard for what matters: a sustainable economy, decent public services and a good quality of life for all. And if you don't like us, our 'recall' system lets you get rid of us!

## Vote GREEN on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May

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YES, THERE'S AN ELECTION COMING UP...

(...and a vital referendum too)

APRIL 2011

Introducing Stockwood's Green Party candidate,

## Peter Goodwin



Peter, who lives in Lanesborough Rise with his wife Ann, has a strong record of action in Stockwood and in the council's public forums. It makes him an ideal candidate to represent the ward as one of its two councillors.

He can also bring much needed expertise to the city council, as climate change, ideologically driven service cuts, and energy shortages begin to bite.

### On the Web...

Bristol Green Party - Stockwood page:  
[www.bristolgreenparty.org.uk/stockwood](http://www.bristolgreenparty.org.uk/stockwood)

The HandS ON hustings -  
<http://gaiaphon.com/mybb/>

Stockwood Pete's Blog -  
<http://stockwoodpete.blogspot.com/>



## May 5th - making a difference in Stockwood and Bristol...

Many people in Stockwood will know Peter Goodwin as a founder (currently secretary) of the '[Friends of Stockwood Open Spaces](#)', and as a leading fighter to protect them from being sold off by the present ruling party.

As long ago as 2008, he was in the council chamber warning the Cabinet that selling off our open spaces is unsustainable, unfair, and unpopular - but Tories, Labour and all-LibDems-but-one all backed it.

*"All three political parties, not including the Green Party, were in agreement with the strategy two years ago."  
(Gary Hopkins, speaking in Stockwood: Evening Post, 7/9/2010)*

Ever since, Peter has been remained in the forefront of the campaign to protect our open spaces from the results of their decision.

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Others will know Peter as a campaigner for better transport, most of all for his key part in promoting Plot 6 at Temple Meads as a seamless multimodal transport exchange - which looks ever more unlikely as the Con-Dem coalition presses on with selling the site to the highest bidder.

*Campaigning with Green Party leader Caroline Lucas MP at Temple Meads*



Closer to home, Peter Goodwin has been active in the new Neighbourhood Partnership, especially in its work to promote environmental sustainability.

He's been busy, too, helping launch the independent '[Hands ON](#)' online discussion forum, to keep Stockwood people in touch with local events and help residents make their views known.

Peter also writes the '[Stockwood Pete](#)' blog, which features items about Stockwood and Bristol from a 'green' angle

## *Life in the real world*

For anyone, it's a privilege to become Stockwood's councillor - but an unexpected bonus is the free parking that goes with getting elected!

Greens say that's a parking privilege too far: councillors should face the same realities as their constituents, and put up with the same parking and transport problems.

## *Stockwood Hustings*

A chance to find out more from the four candidates competing for your vote But not face-to-face! That was ruled out when Conservative and Labour candidates didn't agree to it.

**Instead**, for those who are online, we're using the new public '[Hands ON](#)' web forum where anyone can ask questions of any candidate and everyone can see their answers.

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*Much more important than  
one seventieth of  
Bristol City Council!*



No voting system is perfect - but AV is significantly more democratic than the present system.

That's why the Greens are voting "YES" in the referendum for our parliamentary voting system. We hope you will too.

## **We need your help!**

If you can display a window poster (vote GREEN, or vote YES) please get in touch.

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