

# Greens can win in Cotham!



In the most recent local election in Cotham, the Green Party were a strong second to the LibDems, with the Conservatives third and Labour trailing in fourth place.

With the LibDems now in a coalition government with the Conservatives, the political landscape has changed. In Cotham, as in other wards, it is clear that this is a straight competition between the Green Party and the LibDems and **your vote will count.**

Since 2006 the Green Party has had a representative on the council and this year, with your vote, we have a chance to become **the real alternative.**

I am standing in the local council elections as I want to **make a difference.** I believe it is important that people are given an alternative to the big three parties, all of whom are now supporting cuts and tuition fee rises.

The Green Party doesn't treat politics like a game, we believe in sticking to our pledges and principles. We believe politics should be discussed as if people and the planet mattered. If you feel the same Vote Green on May 5th

## Vote for Graham Woodruff Thursday 5th May



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# The Green Party says:

**Protect Public Services:** We oppose the cuts proposed by the government. The cuts threaten our schools, universities, the NHS and other public services, and are not necessary. Regulate the banks properly before making cuts that will damage the lives of everyone.

**Create more green jobs and cleaner energy: A Green New Deal for Bristol** by investing in jobs that promote energy saving. Bristol can become a world leader in generating more of its own power from renewables using our local high tech expertise. We support wind turbines and the use of tidal lagoons and/or turbines in the river Severn. Insulation, renewables, energy management and energy saving are the best ways to reduce our CO<sub>2</sub> output. We oppose building new nuclear power stations.

**Promote the local economy:** Supermarkets and chain stores are damaging our high streets, destroying local independent shops and reducing choice. People should be able to buy local products and local services, so supporting local jobs

**Support public transport, cycling and walking:** Public transport needs to be cheap, regular, direct and easy to use. We propose a transport hub by Temple Meads Station. We need a safe network of pedestrian and cycle routes and expansion of the local rail network.

**Save our green spaces:** Keeping our green spaces is very important, yet they are being sold off for short-term gain. We can increase housing by redeveloping the 7000 unused buildings, and using brownfield sites.

**A good local state school for every child:** Young people have the right to receive a high standard of education at their local school. Plans to change state schools in Bristol into selective academies will result in many children losing out. We oppose tuition fees and the scrapping of the EMA.

**Support local community health centres:** Accessible local community health centres providing a range of services and more, support for older people and their carers. We want a stronger, not a privatised, NHS.

**Make recycling and reusing of resources as easy as possible:** Kerbside recycling of more materials with separation at source. Small recycling points instead of just litter bins. Bristol needs to encourage people to plan and manage reduction of waste in their own locality.

**We need a progressive voice in Bristol politics. A Green voice.** Green councillors will work hard for what matters: a sustainable economy, decent public services and a good quality of life for everyone.

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