



MEDWAY GREEN PARTY

# GREEN NEWS

MAY-JUNE EDITION: HOO PENINSULA



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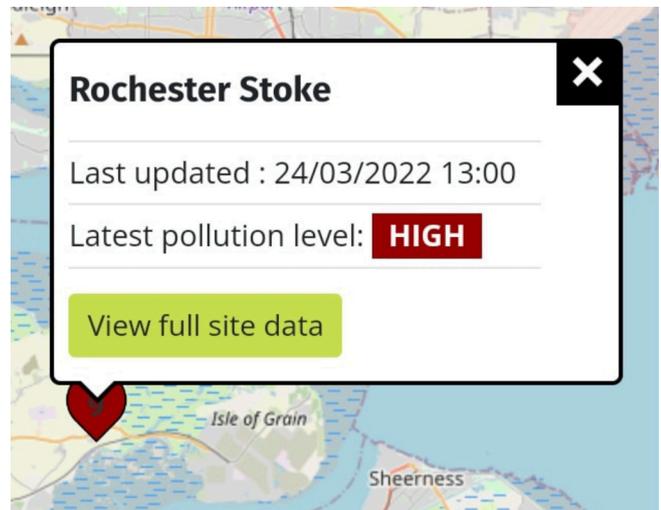
## PROTECT OUR BEAUTIFUL HOO PENINSULA

OUR AIR QUALITY IS GETTING WORSE, IMAGINE THE IMPACT OF 12K+ MORE HOUSES!

The air quality on the Peninsula continues to be dangerously high with the PM2.5\* at 70ugm<sup>3</sup> - almost 3 times higher than the UK "target" of 25ugm<sup>3</sup>. Medway Council finally carried out a public consultation 4 years after declaring Four Elms Hill an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). This was after approving an Amazon Warehouse, despite there already being dreadful air quality on the Peninsula. We look forward to seeing the results of the survey. Green campaigner Julian Sutton says:

*"In our submission we highlighted how the Housing Infrastructure Funds suggested 'infrastructure changes' will negate any improvements if 12k+ houses are dumped on to our agricultural land and vital flood plains. We also want to see an Ultra Low Emission Zone for commercial vehicles over 3.5t across the Peninsula to protect both people and planet."*

\*Tiny toxic particles that can easily invade your lungs & blood stream, causing nasty illnesses in young and old alike!



### MEDWAY COUNCIL TAKES FUNDS FROM PARISH COUNCILS!

Parish Councils provide real benefit through strong local representation. This does not mean their residents should pay both Medway Council and their Parish Councils for some services such as allotments and play parks. In the past the Rural Liaison Grant provided compensation for this "double billing". Medway Greens including High Halstow Parish Councillor Marilyn Stone oppose this frankly mean-minded action that has negligible impact on the under-funding of local authorities. Medway Greens also note that Cllr Ron Sands (independent) was the only Peninsula Ward Councillor to vote against this conservative-led budget proposal.



Image courtesy of KMTV's Kent on Climate Show. Cllr Ron Sands discusses the impact that 12k+ houses will have on the air quality on the Hoo Peninsula with Jadzia Samuel.

WORKING HARD ALL YEAR ROUND FOR A GREENER PENINSULA

# BUT HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS...

Green Campaigners Cat Jamieson & Julian Sutton can see a light at the end of the tunnel, they assure voters that Greens can make a difference!



## GREENS WILL FIGHT FOR THE TRUE FIGURES TO BE RECOGNISED

The 2021 National Census figures show that **we only need HALF** the houses we're being told to build!



## GREENS WILL FIGHT TO BUILD 'HIGH QUALITY-LOW EMISSION' HOMES

We will insist that all new buildings are Carbon Zero and non-polluting **saving the planet & energy bills!**



## GREENS WILL FIGHT TO PROTECT GREEN SPACES & AGRICULTURAL LAND

**All the houses that we do need, can be built on previously developed land aka brownfield sites!**

# KMTV LAUNCHES 'KENT ON CLIMATE'

We're delighted to see that KMTV has launched a new weekly 'Kent on Climate' show airing every Wednesday from 6.30pm - 7pm. Medway Green Party Press Officer, Kate Belmonte was delighted to represent the Rainham Eco Hub on Wed 30th March discussing air quality across Medway along with colleagues Liz O'Hanlon, Kayleigh Ward, Cllr Ron Sands and Dr Julian Spinks.



Image courtesy of KMTV's Kent on Climate Show. Kate Belmonte & Dr Julian Spinks discuss Air Quality with Jadzia Samuel (left to right).

## ECO HUB DRINKS - ALL WELCOME!

The Peninsula Eco Hub has now linked up with Rochester and together they are supporting the Eco Hub Drinks which take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 7:30pm at The Huntsman Pub on Pattens Lane in Rochester. If you are interested in meeting other people who care about the environment, then please just turn up or contact Cat or Marilyn at the Eco Hubs for more information about other ways you can get involved. Everyone is welcome, whether you are just starting to be concerned about environmental issues or have a deeper level of knowledge and experience.

## Meet the Green Team...



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# 60 SECOND SURVEYS

Cat & the Green team will be out knocking doors soon. We want to hear your ideas and find out what really matters to you. Keep your eyes peeled for us!



## TIPS FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

For a less meat-based diet, why not try this yummy recipe for Lentil Dahl?

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp of coconut oil
- 1 medium onion
- 3 cloves of garlic
- A piece of ginger
- 1 tsp of small paprika
- 1 tsp garam masala
- ½ tsp of ground coriander
- 2 crushed pods of cardamon
- 350gm of split red lentils
- 300ml vegetable stock
- 300ml of water
- Creamed coconut (sachet or carton)



### METHOD

1. Dice the onion and fry gently on a medium heat in the coconut oil for 5 minutes.
2. Add the crushed garlic, grated ginger and the spices then cook for a further 2 minutes stirring regularly.
3. Add the lentils, water and stock and simmer for about 20 minutes adding more water if necessary
4. Add the creamed coconut, heat through and then serve.

**For an interesting twist add 5 small peeled shallots. Delicious with vegetable samosas, pitta bread, cauliflower steaks or a little grilled chicken.**

# WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU:

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