

Motion from Greenwich and Lewisham branch

Stop climate change - divest from fossil fuels!

Conference believes:

1. Following extensive flooding, Dame Julia Slingo, the Met Office's chief scientist, said that "all the evidence suggests there is a link to climate change."
2. The worst effects of climate change can be avoided - but only with much greater political will and urgent action to cut carbon emissions.
3. The International Energy Agency report that increased 'fracking' would lead to a 3.5°C temperature rise, well above the 1.5°C acknowledged as the tipping point for runaway climate change.
4. To stop disastrous climate change, four fifths of all existing fossil fuels must be left in the ground.
5. Britain has extensive resources of green, renewable energy. Exploiting just a third of the available energy from wind, waves and tides on our seas would make Britain a net exporter of energy and create 145,000 new jobs

Conference further believes:

1. That the Government has failed to take action to reduce climate-changing carbon emissions
2. That instead of taking urgent action on decarbonisation of our energy supply, the government have instead chosen to focus on lining the pockets of their friends in the fossil fuel industry, with a new dash for gas through fracking.

Conference resolves:

To mobilise Left Unity and Trade Unions and other campaigns we are involved in to press the Government to take tougher action on climate change

To condemn the Tory & Liberal Democrat Government's new dash for polluting, expensive gas

To push instead for investment in energy efficiency & renewable energy to end the scandal of winter deaths and ensure we play our part in preventing dangerous climate change.