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Parliamentary Hustings 2015

Steve Bradley, Liberal Democrats

Julian Deverell, UKIP

Ben Howlett, Conservatives

Ollie Middleton, Labour

Lorraine Morgan-Brinkhurst, Independent

Dominic Tristram, Green Party



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Format:

- 5 x 2 minute candidate statements on Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change
- Approximately 20 minutes each on
 - Energy
 - Food
 - Transport
 - Sustainable Communities, Climate Change, Policy, Politics, The Economy
- There will be a number of short questions and one or two long discussion questions in each section
- Some short yes/no/multi-choice questions will require a show of hands, first from the candidates, and then some afterwards from the audience, this will be directed by the Chair



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Candidate opening 2 minute statements on
Environmental Sustainability and Climate
Change



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Energy: Quick fire question 1

2 minutes

- Fracking: yes or no in Bath?
- Fracking: yes or no in Somerset?
- Fracking: yes or no anywhere in Britain?

Show of hands: candidates first for all 3 questions then the audience

7:50pm



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Energy: Quick fire question 2

2 minute

What types of power generation should the UK be investing most in? Please select your top 4:

- Coal
- Gas
- Nuclear
- Onshore Wind
- Offshore Wind
- Solar PV
- Hydro
- Tidal lagoon

Show of hands for your top 4: candidates only



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Energy: Quick fire question 3

2 minute

Would your party support the government proposal to stop Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rated F and G homes being rented out from 2018? Yes/No

Show of hands: candidates first then audience

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Energy: Quick fire question 4

1 minute

Would you support the reinstatement of the requirement for Energy Performance Certificates on listed buildings, an exemption introduced by Don Foster while Minister for Buildings in 2013?

Yes/No

Show of hands: candidates first then audience

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Energy: Quick fire question 5

3 minutes

Does the EU have a role in promoting the energy efficiency of appliances via ratings and bans?



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Energy: Long discussion question 6

4 minutes

Putting aside you and your party's policies on climate change prevention and mitigation:

In the recent past what practical things have you and your immediate family undertaken to address your consumption of fossil fuels and by implication your carbon footprint(s)?



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Energy: Long discussion question 7

10 minutes

Should energy efficiency measures be subsidised?

And should energy supplies to the public be subsidised either directly as in the Feed in Tariff or indirectly as in the tax breaks for oil and gas exploration etc.?

Background information:

Renewables	(£3.0bn/yr)
Nuclear (excluding Hinckley)	(£3.2bn/yr)
Fossil Fuels	(£4.1bn/yr)
ECO Energy Efficiency Scheme	(£0.7bn/yr)

Annual subsidies: Source: [Parliamentary Report](#), ignores externalities e.g. fossil fuels (28,000 annual UK pollution deaths, price volatility, dependence on Middle East and Russia: wars) Nuclear (Fukushima: Heteroscedastic risk), Renewables (intermittency)

Candidate & audience discussion

8:04pm



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Food: Quick fire question 1

1 minute

Do you support the production and consumption of GM food in the UK? Yes/No

Show of hands: candidates first then audience

8:14pm



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Food: Quick fire question 2

1 minute

Do supermarket's pay a fair price for milk?

Yes/No

Show of hands: candidates first then audience

8:15pm



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Food: Quick fire question 3

1 minute

Is freeganism acceptable (saving good, but 'expired', food/other items from landfill by taking from, for instance, supermarket skips)?

Yes/No

Show of hands: candidates first then audience

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Food: Quick fire question 4

3 minutes

What do you understand by the term
'sustainable food'?



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Food: Long discussion question 5

10 minutes

How will your party support the production and consumption of local food?



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Transport: Quick fire question 1

2 minutes

Should VAT and fuel duty be applied to aviation fuel? Yes/No

Show of hands: candidates only

8:30pm



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Transport: Quick fire question 2

1 minute

Do you support the A36/A46 link road? Yes/No

Show of hands: candidates first then audience

8:32pm



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Transport: Quick fire question 3

1 minute

Given current air pollution has been above EU limits for more than 10 years and is unchanged in that time.

Should Bath follow London in proposing a city centre low emissions zone?

Yes/No

Show of hands: candidates first then audience

8:33pm



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Transport: Quick fire question 4

2 minutes

Should Bath city centre be a completely vehicle free zone?



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Transport: Long discussion question 5

12 minutes

Do you believe that Bath's transport 'problems' e.g. traffic congestion, air quality, unattractiveness of cycling etc., can be 'solved' without demand management measures targeting car journeys?

What measures if any will your party introduce?



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Climate/Policy/Politics: Quick fire question 1

2 minutes

Which of these do you think should **not** be built in the greenbelt? (more than one answer ok)

- Large housing developments
- Wind turbines
- Solar PV farms

Show of hands: candidates first then audience

8:48pm



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Climate/Policy/Politics: Quick fire question 2

2 minutes

Climate Change

- Do you believe it is man-made? Yes/No
- Is it realistic to limit global warming to 2 degrees? Yes/No
- Do you trust the IPCC's projections? Yes/No

IPCC = Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Show of hands: candidates

8:50pm



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Climate/Policy/Politics : Long discussion question 3

8 minutes

Do you believe that infinite economic growth is possible?

Should GDP be the primary measure of the UK's success, or should we consider other measures like 'happiness' or the 'quality of life'?



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Climate/Policy/Politics : Long discussion question 4

8 minutes

There is concern that secretive industry lobbying is unhealthy for democracy and the environment. Also politicians who derive outside income from these industries, or who move direct from government to take up directorships or secretive party donations from this industry, distort scientific evidence and rational economic analysis.

How will your party address these issues?



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Climate/Policy/Politics : Long discussion question 5

10 minutes

What are the environmental policies you hold most important and would you vote against your party on policies that went against your principles?