

Climate Statement: Andrew Cooney – Green Party

Dear [Eco Action Hub], thank you for reaching out to me and I'm very happy to put this together for you. I appreciate this is rather a long list, and I've included only the policies specifically relating to the climate emergency directly!

I expect you have an eye-catching format in mind for the key issues in the list here so I've left them plain but of course let me know if you'd like anything different.

I've also attached a jpeg image of our key manifesto points - though this does include policies across the board.

Best wishes, Andrew

Powering Up Fairer, Greener Energy

- The UK's current climate targets do not reflect the urgency of the climate crisis. We would push the Government to transition to a zero-carbon society as soon as possible, and more than a decade ahead of 2050
- Wind to provide around 70% of the UK's electricity by 2030
- 80GW of offshore wind, 53 GW of onshore wind, and 100 GW of solar by 2035
- Investment in energy storage capacity and more efficient electricity distribution
- Communities to own their own energy sources
- Cancel recent fossil fuel licences such as for Rosebank and stop all new fossil fuel extraction projects in the UK
- Remove all oil and gas subsidies
- Introduce a carbon tax on all fossil fuel imports and domestic extraction, based on greenhouse gas emissions produced when fuel is burned

Fairer, Greener Homes For All

- Insulate all homes to an EPC B standard or above as part of a ten-year programme
- £4bn over the next five years to insulate other buildings to a high standard
- £9bn over the next five years for low-carbon heating systems (e.g. heat pumps) for homes and other buildings

Creating a Fairer, Greener Economy

- Introduce a new Rights of Nature Act, giving rights to nature itself
- Renationalise water and end the sewage scandal
- Extend people's access to green space and waterways close to where they live with a new English Right to Roam Act
- Set aside 30% of our land and seas by 2030 in which nature will receive the highest priority and protection
- An immediate full ban on bee-killing pesticides
- A new Clean Air (Human Rights) Act, giving everyone the right to breathe clean air
- The creation a new Commission on Animal Protection
- A ban on all blood sports, including trail hunting

- All UK domestic and overseas territorial waters to offer the highest level of protection to marine life
- An end to badger culling, factory farming, close confinement in cages and the deliberate and unnecessary mutilation of farm animals

Fairer, Greener Transport

- Increase annual public subsidies for rail and bus travel to £10bn by the end of the next Parliament, with free bus travel for under-18s
- Invest to improve public transport, support electrification and create new cycleways and footpaths
- Bring the railways back into public ownership
- Give local authorities control over and funding for improved bus services
- Reimagining how we use streets in residential areas to reduce traffic and open them up for community use
- Adopting Active Travel England's objective of 50% of trips in England's towns and cities to be walked, wheeled or cycled by 2030
- A frequent-flyer levy and a ban on domestic flights for journeys that would take less than three hours by train
- A halt to the expansion of new airport capacity

Fairer, Greener Food and Farming

- Financial support for farmers to be almost tripled to support their transition to nature-friendly farming
- Biodiversity and soil health to be conserved and improved, leading to cleaner rivers
- Farm payments to be linked to reduced use of pesticides and other agro-chemicals
- All children to have a free school meal each day and free breakfast clubs for children to Year 6
- Schools to involve children in growing, preparing and cooking food, as part of the core curriculum
- Policies that ensure that good quality surplus food is not wasted

Andrew Cooney

General Election candidate for Maidenhead

ONLY THE GREEN PARTY WILL:



Take water back into public hands to be run for the public good, not private profit

This is the **only** way to end sewage dumping, clean up our waterways, cut bills, invest properly in infrastructure, and stop the endless water outages.



Insulate all homes now, reverse destructive new oil licences, and invest in clean, cheap renewables

This will cut bills and help **end fuel poverty**, but also prevent health problems caused by cold, mouldy homes; create green jobs; provide real energy security; boost local economies; save the NHS up to £600m a year; and more. We are the **only** party committed to genuine climate action – a transition which will help us create a **fairer, healthier and safer** future for all.



Make our tax system fairer, with a wealth tax for billionaires

We will raise **£50bn a year** with a 1% tax on wealth over £10m and 2% over £1bn, and cut regressive taxes like VAT, to support **proper funding** of public services.

End NHS privatisation and restore proper funding

We are the **only** party that will reverse NHS privatisation. We will also put mental health on parity with physical health, and make all essential dentistry free.



Provide free school meals for all primary and secondary children

No child should go hungry in the UK. Free, nutritious, hot meals for all will help kids learn and grow, and support local farmers too. We will also **abolish** the two-child benefit cap which has seen child poverty soar to record levels.



Bring in rent controls, end Right To Buy, and build energy-efficient social housing

Treating homes as commodities fails everyone, renter or buyer. We will ensure homes are **genuinely affordable** to live in and to heat, while building 150,000 high-quality, energy-efficient social houses a year to make housing **secure for all**.

Set a **£15** minimum wage for all workers

Nobody should be paid less than it costs to live. We will **tackle poverty** and inequality, and ultimately bring in a Universal Basic Income to replace the cruel, broken benefits system. We also support a **four-day week** for higher productivity, better work-life balance, improved mental and physical health for all, and more.

Make lifelong education free and cancel student debt

Education is a **public good** which we all benefit from. We will remove the burden of existing and future debt from all those studying or upskilling, at any stage in life.

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