

Education/Discussion meeting 3 Nov 2017

Farming and the Environment

Informative intro, interesting discussion.

Concerns about the extent to which we, realistically, are able to focus on farming votes.

But we acknowledge the need to be better informed.

Public transport and renewables are two areas where we should promote a clear policy.

Support sustainable farming initiatives.

Involve the Green Party?

Appalled at factory farming, we want animals in a natural setting.

Need to canvass in the villages.

Discussion on non-perfect food, that is now rejected by the supermarkets. Give to foodbanks?
(some opposition to this) Force supermarkets to sell it?

Blame neoliberalism and concentration on profit with cheap labour.

Duchy's anaerobic digester at Martinstown (there are others – one in the Piddle valley). How green is it really? Who profits and how much?

Find out about the grants and subsidies to encourage farmers to plant vast fields of maize.

Maybe FOI – mileage for getting to/from the digester. What are the profits?

Maybe arrange a visit to the digester.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Generally agreed that the format was useful and there should be future similar events. Maybe 4 a year.

Suggested topics:

- Europe
- Austerity and credit
- Defence
- Mental health
- Borders and immigration

Focus on non farm voters

Lion in the room

Glyphosates + **BLACK SPOT**
combined with rising food prices

Sustainable
farming

Absorb **GREENS**
join transition

Rising
sea levels

SOIL not
interesting

PUBLIC TRANSPORT
electric

Anti nuke

cheap co-op local
RENEWABLES
+ tidal

Can we
as a group
go and visit?

Govt grants

Duchy encouraging
+ subsidies to local
farmers to plant
maize for their
anaerobic digester

**DUCHY'S
ANAEROBIC
DIGESTER**

Is this really green?

Who profits?

By how much?

Send an FOI
about

- ① The mileage of trailers
to and from the
digester
- ② What profits are
being made.

Speak to kids in Schools

Local Bus Services
Not for profit.

We are appalled at

Factory farming

with animals in natural setting.

Need to canvass in

villages.

Spokes of Fresh Food
MARKETS ON

BRIGHTON CONF. ASHMA
CONTINENT.

To Blame NEO LIBERALISM
AND CONCENTRATION

ON PROFIT

with cheap labour.