

# FROM **LABOUR** TO **GREEN** - LUKE AGNEW

## How did you part company with the **Labour** Party?

I never left the Labour Party, the Labour Party left me. I was an active trade unionist, working for the council within the golf section of the parks and gardens department. I was also a conference delegate for Wallasey CLP. I successfully moved a motion at the 2021 Labour conference about making access to food a legal right for all.

Within six hours a party bureaucrat had searched my social media and decided I was a supporter of socialist appeal for sharing an article 3 years prior. I was expelled for life because of it. I am not a supporter, however this was just weeks before Wirral Labour voted to close two golf courses blocking me from the internal debates.

## Why did you join the **Green** Party?

I joined the greens for several reasons. I was very impressed by the local green party's defence of our public services at council meetings. So I read up on their national policies. As well as comprehensive environmental policies I was surprised to find a that this isn't all they stand for. They are not a one issue party. They support public ownership, cooperatives, fairer tax systems and proportional representation and so much more.

## What is your experience as a **Green Party** member so far?

I have found the green party to be lacking in egos and self-serving politicians. The debates are open and friendly, with the elected councillors able to follow their own mind rather than having to follow a party line set in Westminster. There's no ingrained tribalism, no power hungry representatives willing to say whatever gets them elected, just people who want what's best for the Wirral, the environment and our future. I'm proud to call myself a member.



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