

Cornish and West of England Regional Assembly & open NEC meeting

Saturday June 10th, 2023, 10am till 4pm

Motion 1 Nationalization of Utilities

This Assembly calls for the following:

The party reaffirms its commitment to nationalisation of the water companies, who operate a natural monopoly and have proven unwilling to safeguard inland and coastal waterways from excess pollution or secure water supplies in the face of climate change.

That H. M. Government shall not draw any 'dividend' from publicly owned utility services and all profits are re-invested in the industry.

Motion 2. A Cornish Regional Parliament

The Liberal Party calls for the creation of a Cornish Assembly, recognising the region as a Celtic nation in its own right.

The region boasts a cultural and linguistic heritage.

Restoration of district Council and devolved powers in the Duchy in accordance with the last referendum.

Motion 3. Regional Health Boards

The Liberal Party call for the re-establishment of a network of community Cottage Hospitals to relieve bed blocking in the NHS and to provide respite for mothers and their new-born.

Such sites would function as community health hubs offering vaccination services, health screening and advise on health issues as well as fitness classes in support of our policy adopted at our Health & Wellbeing Special Assembly on the 7th of February 2015.

Motion 4 Lithium Mining in Cornwall

The Liberal Party notes media reports on the potential for the extraction of Lithium in the region as the world increases its need for battery driver energy storage.

The party believes that the exploitation of regionally located assets such as Lithium and Tin should benefit the local community both through regional investment, and local employment.

We also believe that the raw materials extracted should be processed as close to source as possible to reduce transportation costs and carbon emissions.

Fisheries Policy Debate

Brexit has given the U.K a great opportunity to first rejuvenate struggling old fishing Towns and City's (and smaller locations).

- Governments grants and apprenticeships should be encouraged to bring back a 'traditional Industry'. It does add to the 'cultural side' of Towns and Cities; and gives locals a sense of worth and pride. There are claims that places such as Grimsby have suffered in non-economic terms because of its loss of identity

Emergency NEC Motion – Julian Assange’s Extradition & Fair Trial

On June 17, 2022, the United Kingdom approved Julian Assange’s extradition to the United States to face charges, primarily under the nation’s Espionage Act, for releasing US government records that revealed the US military committed war crimes against civilians in Afghanistan and Iraq, including the killing of two Reuters journalists. If found guilty, Assange faces a jail term of up to 175 years.

We believe that Press Freedom is the cornerstone of a thriving democracy and the press providing details of Governments committing serious crimes should take precedence over the use of Espionage acts to suppress press freedom

We fear that Julian Assange would not get a fair trial in the USA having revealed serious crimes by that countries Government

Liberal Party Leader Steve Radford & the NEC