

Report

Proposer: Leith and Leith Walk Greens (decided on: 06/15/2022)

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1 **Report to Edinburgh Branch June 2022 AGM**

2 By Mariusz Cebulski (outgoing co-convenor)

3 **Meetings**

4 The Leith and Leith Walk sub-branch have continued to meet monthly online, but
5 for this AGM the group successfully tried to run a hybrid meeting i.e. with
6 members being able to join online or in person.

7 The 2022 sub-branch AGM was held online and face to face at the Leith Community
8 Centre on 09/06/2022, it was attended by eleven members. At the AGM it was
9 confirmed that following members will take up roles in the sub-branch:

10 • Mariusz Cebulski will continue as convenor and take up role of co-liaison to
11 the Edinburgh branch.

12 • Ian McCormick will continue as membership secretary (Ian was elected after
13 last AGM).

14 • Dirk Nols will take the role of ordinary member.

15 • Damian Sefton will take the role of ordinary member.

16 • James Paton will take the role of secretary and co-liaison to the Edinburgh
17 branch.

18 **Finances and Membership**

19 **Finance**

20 The sub-branch main expenditure was booking of Leith Walk Police Box for setting
21 up a campaign stall for Local Elections (£50) which was reimbursed as part of
22 the campaign budget. Next biggest spend was the booking of Leith Community
23 Centre for the first hybrid meeting (£15).

24 **Membership Update**

25 August 2020 – 278

26 September 2020 - 305

27 January 2021 – 299

28 April 2021 – 311

29 May 2021 – 346

30 June 2022 – 390

31 **Elections**

32 **Local Elections**

33 Members from across the sub-branch supported our two councillors – Susan Rae and
34 Chas Booth as well as neighbouring Forth ward candidate Kayleigh O’Neil in the
35 Local Elections to City Council.

36 The campaign was very active with weekly canvassing sessions, setting up stalls
37 and material delivery (newsletters, letters to first time voters, campaign cards
38 and eve of poll cards) and window poster campaign. The sub-branch has sent
39 volunteers to Forth ward to support our candidate there.

40 Within the wards the sub-branch also coordinated A-Boards on election day.

41 The results were very good, with Chas and Susan gaining a bigger percentage of
42 the vote than in the last elections, and the party gained it's first councillor
43 in Forth.

44 **Other activities**

45 Monthly green discussions – the branch has setup a monthly online meeting to
46 discuss various topics, chosen by branch members.

47 **Councillor Update**

48 Councillors discussed the current atmosphere in the City Council after the
49 formation of Labour minority administration supported by Liberal Democrats and
50 Conservatives.

51 While disappointing with the result of the vote to form an administration,
52 councillors are not giving up and will continue to serve the city and pass green
53 legislation where possible.

54 Our experienced councillors are also training and showing the ropes to the newer
55 members of the party in the City Chambers.

56 **Plans for the upcoming year**

57 ● Continue to meet monthly with more hybrid meetings and in different spots.

58 ● Increase membership and member engagement.

59 ● Organise more events, both social gatherings and local campaigns. For any
60 further details please contact leith.leithwalk@scottishgreens.org.uk