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Title: **West Edinburgh Greens Sub-branch Report
2024**

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1 **WEG Bi-Monthly Meetings**

2 Due to Co Convenor commitments and small meeting turnout mid-election cycle, we
3 now run the WEG meetings every second month. The intention is to move these back
4 to monthly later in 2024 when co co capacity allows.

5 The meetings are held online to make them accessible to all members given the
6 large geographic spread of the sub branch and both Co Convenors have caring
7 responsibilities.

8 All new members to WEG receive a welcome email from Anne and Chris, and we have
9 welcomed new members intermittently to our calls. Two new joiners came along to
10 the Edinburgh branch wide new member event in February.

11 The agenda in recent months has largely focused on the LTN roll out in
12 Corstorphine given local challenges to that, and engaging with local planning
13 applications given the large urban developments across West Edinburgh including
14 West Town.

15 Focus from May onwards has been on supporting the wider branch General Election
16 activities.

17 **Liaison with the Branch**

18 Our Co Co, Anne Scott is also Co Co of the Edinburgh Branch and brings updates
19 to each meeting based on any recent activity and topics of interest.

20 Our Co Co, Chris Young is an SME on local traffic planning matters and engages
21 with branch reps and councillors on an ad hoc basis, offering his support and
22 working knowledge of the area as required.

23 The local teams member support officer, Dave Owen, attended our December meeting
24 to check in and offer support.

25 **Cross team activity**

26 WEG have "fostered" Pentland ward, who do not have a sub branch of their own.
27 The teams work together informally and WEG support this ward in facilitating
28 Green News production and runs, and share information with the ward members on
29 an ongoing basis. Pentland are included in all WEG member communications to
30 ensure members are informed and included as to opportunities to support and be
31 active in the local area.

32 **Membership** as at June 2024 is as follows, where numbers in brackets are the
33 member numbers as at June 2023. It's disappointing to see a drop across all
34 wards, however, this is consistent with the wider Edinburgh branch.

35 Almond: 33 (37)

36 Corstorphine/Murrayfield: 41 (44)

37 Drum Brae/Gyle: 24 (31)

38 Pentland Hills: 29 (40)

39 **Finances:** WEG did not spend any funds during the year 2023/4 and did not hold
40 any WEG fundraisers.

41 **Future plans**

42 Anne Scott attended the recent sub branch away day to learn from other branches
43 with regards to building up a more active team. After the GE campaign, we will
44 turn our attention to planning ahead for the 2026/27 election cycles and plan to
45 request DORAS training in preparation for data gathering, which we'll need if we

46 are to be seriously considered as TTW for any of our wards in 2027.