

# Executive Report to Members

(28 March 2024 meeting)

## CLP Activities

We are delighted to start the year with a new Executive with some new faces joining us. Thanks to Philip Segurola for stepping forward to take on the Secretary role, whilst Ana gets to focus her energy on supporting the CLP through the election year.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Officer</b>
Chair	Donna Briant
Secretary	Philip Segurola
Treasurer	Stephen Perfect
Women's Officer	Teresa Grey
Trade Union Liaison Officer (TULO)	Jay Zilik
Vice Chair (membership and campaigns)	Anashua Davies
Youth Officer	Dan McGill
Equalities Officer	Sophia Parr

This month we have turned our attention to the Mayoral election, teams have been out leafleting about TFL fare freezes at Welling and Sidcup stations. This week, school gate leafleting on the extended funding for primary school dinners. Off Peak Friday and the Superloop launch gives us plenty of positive news to counter the contrived outrage towards Sadiq. Teams continue to canvass across our target wards East Wickham, Falconwood & Welling, Longlands, Crayford (led by the Labour Group) and also supporting Liam Conlon (a future speaker) and prospective parliamentary candidate for Labour's target seat of Beckenham & Penge, as a CLP we are twinned with this seat, so would encourage everyone to join a session, a chance to rub shoulders with MPs tasked to support the effort!

## Guest Speaker:

Thanks to [Howard Dawber](#), newly appointed as Deputy Mayor for Business who has agreed to join us (with Bexleyheath & Crayford CLP). If you follow Howard on [LinkedIn](#) or [Twitter](#), you will know he has been incredibly busy and well received by London business leaders, a great opportunity to quiz him on the future of our great City.

## **London Regional Conference**

Our delegates (Ana and Dan) attended the London regional Conference. Sadiq Khan spoke at the conference on the first day, the reception he received was heartwarming, he had an awful week with the offensive Islamophobic comments from the newly appointed Reform MP for Ashfield, the room was full of love for him. There was a great session that Peter Kyle MP led on innovation, the opportunities for the public sector and the exciting new jobs that investment in the sector can create. There were break out areas on topic around being a councillor, very much focused on what Labour could do, little on the frustrations of being a councillor in opposition. Let's hope we can change that in 2026! The highlight for me (Ana) was making contact with Sadiq's campaign manager Matt Greencough, he is now on speed dial. Ana asked if the campaign will be tailored to Outer London voters, as there is a concern that 'Outrage' London might be dismissed, but was assured that there will be support. Matt liked the idea of a Myth Buster campaign. Finally, Dan approved of the food, plentiful and delicious!

## **OBS were runner ups!**

At very short notice a team of members with the support of Ana Vice Chair (Membership & Campaigns) stepped up at the request of the National Party to join their 'Fire Drill'. Members were posting about 3 topics intensely (not Labour branded). NHS, sewage and the cost of living, reaching thousands of local voters on the NextDoor Platform and Facebook local groups. Some of our 'cohort' had never posted before and found their content very well received. .

All this activity was put on a league table and in the ACTIVE POWERHOUSE section we were the runner up with 8 participants, compared to the winners with 9. 69 CLPS took part across the country, so this is an amazing achievement. Well done to our team.

Please do contact Ana on 07949 266580, if you would like to contribute to these conversations, it's a great way of countering Tory lies and presenting facts

## **OBS canvass sessions**

Our small regular team continue to go out at weekends to canvass (Saturday morning 10.30 usually) alternating between East Wickham, Falconwood, Longlands. Success in OBS will deliver 8 seats to the council, and we will also support the Labour group currently running Campaigns in Bexleyheath and Crayford CLP, focus being Crayford (3 seats) where there will be an early by election. The current group of 12 Labour Councillors needing 23 seats to win control in 2026.

[WhatsApp link Invitation – Recommend for Canvass dates](#)

## Property and Finances

The work outside has been completed, but the inside needs to be repaired after damp damage. The flat roof above the kitchen needs relaying. The quote for this work is £5.2k with a 15 year guarantee on the roof.

If anyone would like to **donate directly to our CLP** our Bank Account details are

*Old Bexley & Sidcup Labour Party Sort Code: 30-96-31 Bank Account: 01783168*

Or join the [Labour Lottery](#) that has a weekly draw for £1,000

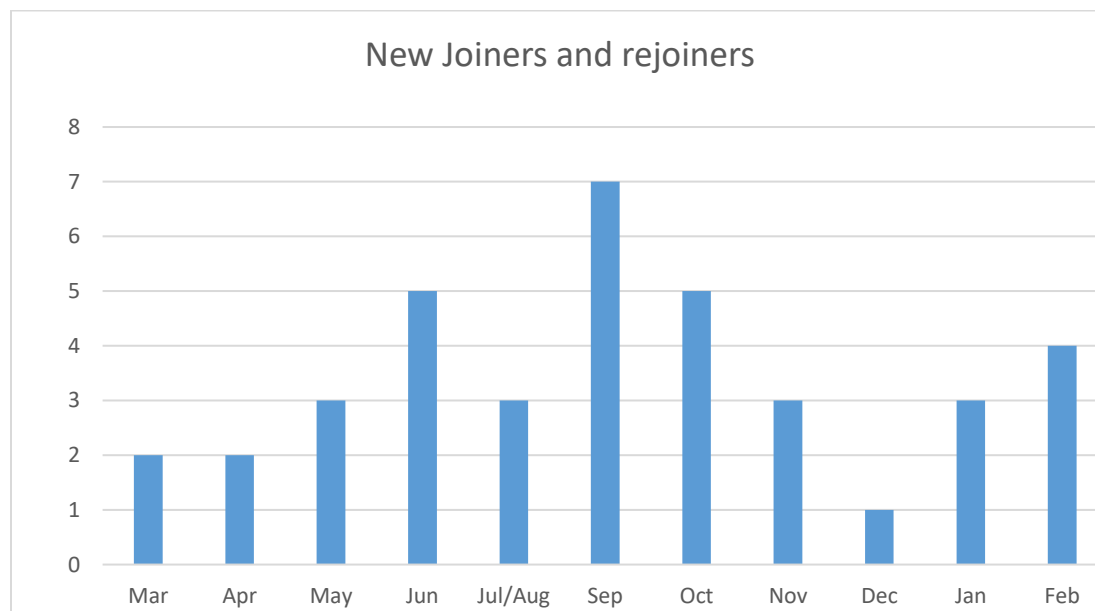
## Women's Group Event

Women's Group Speaker May 11<sup>th</sup> Lyndsay Allen Trott 14.30 at 31 Sidcup Hill, she's a personal security advisor to MPs and is very knowledgeable about Women's safety.

## Membership

Membership stands at 385, (404 Nov).

The Labour Party has 380,000 members as reported at Conference.



There little evidence that existing members have signed up any family, though it is possible that friends have been encouraged to join, please do help get membership numbers up. The link is [here](#)

Appeal to all members to try to at least recruit one new member this year. [Here is the local discounted membership form](#) to print off. I know of 3 new joiners personally that have joined as result of active recruitment on the CLP's part.

## **Safeguarding**

Any members under 18 are advised to join virtual meetings with just their initials.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of all members and elected representatives, please visit the website link.

<https://labour.org.uk/members/my-welfare/safeguarding/resource-hub/policy/safeguarding-welfare-policy-2018/>

## **Bursary reminder**

We encourage all members who might wish to fund some political activity so please check this link <https://www.obsLabour.london/clp-materials/>

## **Links to Canvasses, Internal events and social media**

[Desktop Calendar](#) (non-Facebook users)

[Public Events](#)

[Twitter](#)

[CLP Facebook Members Events Page](#) [CLP Facebook external Page](#)

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