

# Caroline Lucas: First Green MP

Caroline Lucas argues forcefully for an alternative to the coalition government's savage cuts

She says, "The ConLibs claim that there is no alternative to savage cuts but Greens say there is an easier and better way.

*"If we scrap expensive and irrelevant projects like Trident nuclear missiles, transfer money from road building to public transport and get tough on tax avoidance and evasion, we could afford a major public investment programme that would create hundreds of thousands of jobs while transforming the economy to help tackle climate change.*

*"What this government should be doing is things like tackling tax evasion and tax avoidance in a serious way, and use that money for investment, for example, in energy efficiency and renewable energies.*

*"This is the best way to get people back to work. it would also address the issue of climate change, getting our emissions down. There is an environmental crisis, there is an economic crisis : we can tackle them both at the same time."*



## FACTFILE

### Caroline Lucas

MEP For South East 1999-2010.  
Leader of the Green Party of England & Wales.  
Became an MP in May 2010.

**House of Commons:** Chairperson of the all-party group on fuel poverty and energy efficiency. Member of the Environmental Audit committee.

**Awards:** Observer Ethical Politician of the Year 2007, 2009 and 2010. Parliament magazine MEP of the year in 2008 for her work on trade. In the Guardian's 'Top 50 eco heroes' in 2008. Michael Kay Award from the RSPCA in 2006 for outstanding contribution to European animal welfare.

Follow her parliamentary work and blog at [www.carolinelucas.com](http://www.carolinelucas.com)

*Caroline Lucas MP "Cameron said he will give people power, such as to choose what school their kids go to. But the issue is making sure every child has a place at a good local school."*

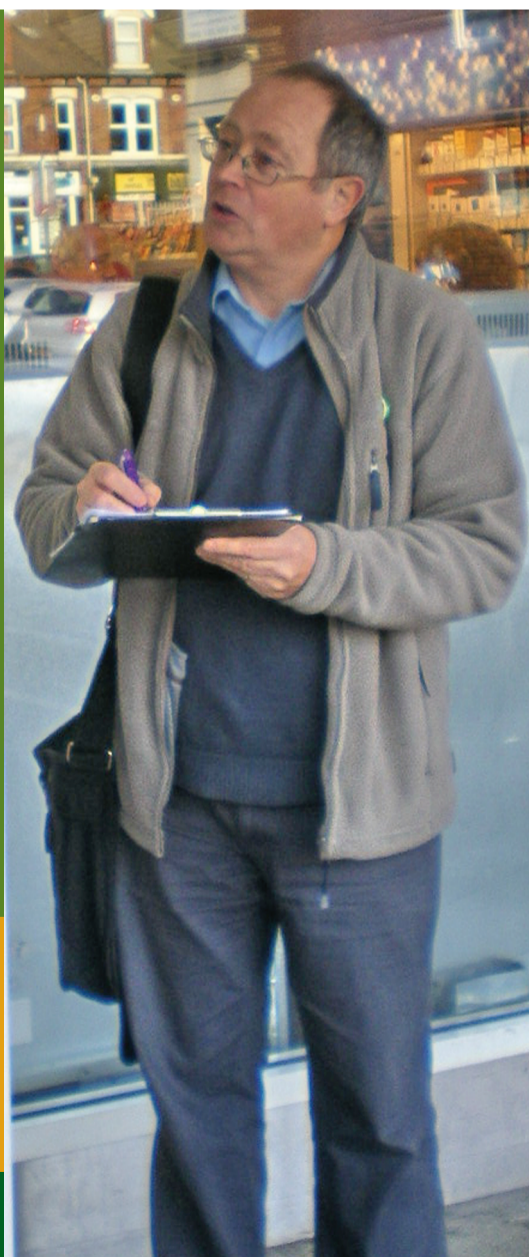
## We Want to Hear Your Views

Broomhill Greens have begun surveying residents views on noise, litter, road safety and job cuts. It is clear that most residents appreciate the considerable benefits of living in the area but there remain problems in some streets and areas.

Local campaigner **Bernard Little** says : "Thank you to those who took the time to respond to our survey on Ecclesall Road and at Broomhill Shopping Centre. We will continue to work with BANG and other residents groups to address the issues you identify."

**To participate in the survey go to [www.sheffieldgreenparty.org.uk/broomhillsurveys](http://www.sheffieldgreenparty.org.uk/broomhillsurveys)**

**Bernard surveying local shoppers**



## "Get moving on Renewable Energy!" - Greens say to Council

Two Green Party council motions have forced the council to draw up a costed plan by December to take advantage of new Government green energy incentives before they are reduced in 2012.

The Feed-in Tariffs and Renewable Heat Incentive schemes could allow Broomhill people to be rewarded for generating their own electricity from renewable or low carbon sources such as solar electricity, thermal panels or wind turbines.

**Jillian Creasy** says : "We need to get a scheme up and running in 2011 with major installations ready by 2012, or Sheffield will miss out on potential funding. The Council could generate clean energy on council or privately owned buildings, and the energy cost savings or earnings would come back to the council and householders. These schemes could potentially make a lot of money for the council and its citizens, reduce fuel poverty and create jobs."