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Robin Harper,
Green MSP
for Lothian



Alison Johnstone,
lead Green candidate
for Lothian in 2011



**Susan Guest, Green
spokesperson for
Leith**

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Greens – the only alternative!

Greens in Edinburgh have launched their campaign for the Scottish Parliament, by urging voters to back an alternative to politics as usual.

Top candidate, Alison Johnstone, who is bidding to succeed Robin Harper as Green MSP for Lothian, said: "There's never been a more important time for a Green alternative. We are witnessing an astonishing assault on public services: ideology wrapped in a cloak of financial necessity. Yet all so-called main parties accept this as inevitable.

"There's an utterly naïve view that the private sector will grow to fill the space left by public sector cuts.

But will it? And what kind of economy will we see in its place? One characterised by "McJobs", feeding on high consumption, waste-today-forget-tomorrow?

"That's no kind of policy at all. Not for people and not for the planet. We need a thriving public sector working with a responsible private sector to make genuine long term choices for Scotland – on housing, transport, education, on energy provision and the sweep of policy.

"That's the alternative Greens offer. And that's why I believe that tens of thousands of voters will back us with their second vote."

Follow Alison's campaign on Twitter @AlisonJohnstone

First Green MP backs Alison Johnstone for Parliament

The UK's first Green MP, Caroline Lucas, has paid tribute to retiring MSP Robin Harper and backed Alison Johnstone as his would-be successor in the Scottish Parliament.

Caroline said that Robin had been a breath of fresh air when first elected as MSP in 1999 and added:

"I was hugely impressed by Alison when I met her recently in Edinburgh. She shares my own conviction that social justice and environmental



protection go hand in hand. I look forward to welcoming Alison to that growing band of Greens who are elected to fight for a greener and fairer world."

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Contact your local Greens

Leith Green Team is made up of Scottish Green Party members and other community-minded people in Leith, from Newhaven to Seafield

You can contact us at Leith@edinburghgreens.org.uk

Or write to us at Edinburgh Green Party, 20 Graham Street, Edinburgh EH6 5QR

You can also contact your Green MSP, Robin Harper on robin@edinburghgreens.org.uk or 0131 348 5000

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Greens call for Action on Leith Links

Leith Greens have slammed the neglect of Leith Links and called on the City Council to introduce an improvement programme.

The local group cites footpath maintenance, graffiti and upkeep of the parks and sport facilities as areas of immediate concern.

The recent "Links Asks" report sets out some simple areas for immediate action including;

- Repairing or removing damaged fences, bins and signage.

- Allowing some areas of the park to develop as wild flower meadows, by reducing the frequency of grass cutting.
- Treating graffiti around the park boundaries.

Local Green spokesperson, Susan Guest said: "We are told that budgets are tight. But over and over, we see inadequate maintenance of public facilities leading to them being run down and needing major investment a few years down the line. Leith Links needs care and attention now."

Warm homes now, say Greens

In the face of ever rising fuel prices and an exceptionally cold winter Leith Green Group has backed proposals to properly insulate and draft-proof all homes in the area to reduce fuel poverty, cut fuel bills, boost construction jobs, improve health and fight climate change.



Fix Your Street

Are you fed up with the state of your street? Now you can use the website www.fixmystreet.com to easily report problems like potholes and flytipping in your community to the council.

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