

More reasons to Legalise & Utilise Cannabis Hemp.

Government suppressed **World Health Organisation** report.
Published by **New Scientist** Feb.1998.

"Cannabis is less harmful to health than Alcohol or tobacco."

President Jimmy Carter said:

"Penalties against possession of a drug should not be more damaging to an individual than the use of the drug itself." August 2nd 1977.

Abraham Lincoln said in Dec. 1840:

"Prohibition goes beyond the bounds of reason in that it attempts to control a mans appetite by legislation and makes a crime out of things that are not crimes".

In 1660 Spinoza said:

"All laws which can be violated without doing any one any injury are laughed at."

Historically, cannabis, as a plant, has been utilised as a resource for over 10,000 years. It seems to have been made internationally illegal for big business reasons in 1928 yet it was still prescribed by some U.K. doctors up until 1971 when Baroness Wooton reported to the House of Commons that cannabis should not be criminalized and social studies should be carried out. Her report made no difference, cannabis was made illegal, thus putting it into the hands of people who sell more dangerous drugs.

Our city, our region, our U.K. our world, needs to utilise cannabis hemp to its full potential. It is you the people of Sheldon who have the opportunity to say yes to this need. You can say yes by voting for me on the 10th of June.

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**"Sick and tired
hearing things
from
short sighted,
narrow minded
politicians?"**

**All I need is the truth.
Just give me some truth."**

John Lennon. R.I.P.

These are words echoed by countless voters

And

voters who can not be bothered to vote.

Now is your chance to read some truths.

Warning!

Recommended for readers 18 and over.

The truth can often be painful.

We in the present
need to learn from the past
in order to protect the future
for our children.

Think local and think global.



Greetings to all Sheldon Voters.

My name is Colin Preece and I was born in Saxondale Avenue, Sheldon, 53 years ago. I attended Lyndon Green, Sheldon Heath Comprehensive and Solihull College in 1989/90 where I studied, sociology, economics and history. I have been happily married for 30 years, have five sons and care about the future of my grandchildren as much as I care about yours. Like all LCA candidates I consider myself to be an independent. I have mixed political views, in some areas I lead toward conservatism in others I hold a socialist perspective.

When I past through into 2004 I entered these words in my diary....

“It will be a year like last year, sprinkled with environmental disasters, with world leaders only offering rebuilding, utilising ever diminishing resources, thus making the future for your children, ultimately, unsustainable.

It is not the common man or woman who creates the chaos we see around us in the here and now in our cities, towns and villages, for societies are created by those who lead and how they utilise the resources available to them. The fact that our global economic system operates with finite resources, which pollute and kill thousands annually, means, no matter where you live in the world, from Sheldon to Timbuktu, someone somewhere close to you is suffering because the global economic system says that is the way it has to be.

From the fear of international Islamic terrorism which is an escalation of the Israeli Palestine conflict, to local crime, education, transport and the needs of our senior citizens. We all feel the pinch of minimal funding for much needed, **local, sustainable, human and environmental development.**

Our leaders preach **sustainable development** but the fact still remains **global warming** is quickening and the worlds leaders are actually doing very little in their attempts to reverse it! The resources we use to run the world will run out but not before they have caused the **environmental disasters** humanity needs to avoid.

The folly of our local and world leaders is revealed in their silence for world leaders should have **phased out wood pulp** for paper and **chemical sprayed, cancer causing, soil depleting cotton** for textiles, 80 years ago when a machine was invented to minimise the time spent harvesting hemp biomass, thus making hemp more economically viable for our regions farmers to produce.

They did not do so and 80 years of **rain forest destruction** and **soil erosion** is the end result. Every political party nationally and internationally that has governed since then is guilty in ignorance of condoning this destruction. It should be a crime against humanity for ignorance is not innocence in any court of law.

Oil could have been phased out and replaced with **biomass fuel** over 60 years ago when Henry Ford created his hemp and sisal car fuelled with hemp biomass fuel. He did not go into mass production because he feared a stock exchange collapse. The same may be true today but surely a biomass economy is far better for the future of our children than a fossil fuel driven global economy? The United Nations and our political leaders seem to think biomass is better. So why are they not getting our farmers to grow hemp for fuel, paper and textiles, giving them a much needed annual income?

Latest figures show just over 2.5 thousand acres of farmland grew cannabis hemp in 2002 in the UK. but 32 thousand hectares lay fallow. Cannabis prevents weed growth while also having a root system which enriches the quality of the soil.

Cannabis is a plant which can grow as much as 20 ft high in 3-4 months. Like all plant matter cannabis goes through a process known as **photosynthesis**, it takes carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and replaces the CO2 with the air we breath.

The biomass grown by our nations farmers would need to be processed by someone and the ideal partners would be the fossil product processors, the paper industry and textile industry. All three industries would have to minimise the processing of fossil products, wood pulp and cotton in favour of biomass hemp. **Fossil products, wood pulp, and cotton** aid in the destruction of the environment, locally and internationally.

Everyone thinks that cotton is a product which does little harm to the environment but it is sprayed with chemicals to aid growth and to rid the plants of insect pests. The products sprayed on cotton may have caused the deaths of 10's of thousands over the years and also depleted the quality of the soil thus turning places like the **Punjab**, once the **breadbasket** of India slowly into **desert land**. Yet we as consumers are forced to buy cotton products or synthetics made out of chemicals because we have no other alternative, yet cannabis hemp can be made into cloths far more durable and longer lasting than synthetics or cotton.

What the major parties promise.

Labour promise that the majority of our nations power will come from biomass by the year 2050. The predicted **global warming** events might well have killed many Sheldon residents by 2050 for according to those predictions things are going to get far worse and thanks to our use of these polluting products do not stand a chance of getting any better. If you vote Labour you vote for an unsustainable future for your children no matter what they promise with their lips.

The **Conservatives**, would make cannabis class B again and punish people for harming no one. So these career politicians have no intention of using cannabis hemp for **Sustainable, Human and Environmental, Development** and in so doing they condemn our **children and grandchildren** to a miserable future.

The **Liberal Democrats** say they will legalise cannabis but what have they ever told the electorate about hemp as a resource which will be in direct competition with Oil, Wood Pulp, and cotton?

You are no longer ignorant of the benefits of the cannabis hemp plant as a resource. If you put an X next any of the above three, or any others, sadly, **you** too, condone what they do and do not do.