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I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE LEGALISE CANNABIS ALLIANCE

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Address:

..... Post Code:

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OR

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commencing/ / 200....., and **monthly** thereafter until further notice from me / us in writing

debiting my / our account number accordingly

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How are we doing?

Why did LCA fare so weakly in 2005 General Elections?

The answer is simple:

LCA have done so well in changing the policies of the Green Party
the Liberal Democrats, and Plaid Cymru in Wales,
that so many of our supporters
voted instead for them!

"That's not a problem for us - it shows we're winning!"



IN FACT
WE'RE DOING
SO WELL
EVEN
WASPS
WANT TO
VOTE FOR LCA!

Join the fastest growing party only 50p per week

The LCA has sponsored a football team in Coventry.

The Reheads won their last game 10-6 and are looking for more weed friendly teams to play with, they are hoping to get Weedworld to play against them at this years Hemp Expo in Coventry.

The boys are proud of their new shirts, which have the LCA Logo upon them!

Why not ask your local head or grow shop if they will sponsor a team, its a fab way to raise awareness to the cause.



CLARKE SNUBS LCA - AGAIN

Home Secretary Charles Clarke has once again failed to respond to an invitation to attend our annual conference
The Legalise Cannabis Alliance wrote to the Norwich South MP in January to invite him to our conference at the University of East Anglia, but has not yet received a response.
Last year, Mr Clarke did not reply to the invitation either.

The alliances seventh annual national conference will take place in the UEA's Congregation Hall on Saturday, March 18 from 11 AM - 5 PM.

Alun Buffry said: "I wrote to Mr Clarke in January. I haven't even had a hint of a reply.
"We want him to explain to the people of Norwich whether he thinks it necessary to punish people who use cannabis and do no harm.
"I don't think he can answer the question and that is why he has not replied."

Mr Clarke, who in 1997 revealed he had smoked cannabis, was unavailable for comment, but a Home Office spokesman said: "We have received the letter and it is still with Mr Clarke for consideration at the moment."
Former MI5 agent David Shayler, an alliance member, will speak at the conference. He was convicted in 2002 under the Official Secrets Act for passing classified information to the press.

EURONEWS IN BRIEF

Whilst in Belgium the personal limit has increased to 5 gms. The Dutch authorities were seemingly over handed at the recent Amsterdam Highlife Fair hassling stallholders and visitors alike, in Italy things are looking grim for the anti prohibition movement



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Until 1883, more than three quarters of the world's paper was made from Hemp fibre. 80% of English wood pulp is imported, destroying the forests and their delicate eco-systems in Canada and Scandinavia.
A Hemp crop produces nearly 4 (four) times as much raw fibre as an equivalent-sized tree plantation.
Trees take approximately 20 years to mature. Hemp takes 4 months.
Hemp needs no costly pesticides because it is unpalatable to insects.
Hemp needs no herbicides because it grows too quickly for any weed to compete.
Hemp cloth repels up to 95% of UV rays when woven into a tight construction.
Hemp is more water absorbent than cotton and has 3 times the tensile strength.
Today's hemp market is constrained by prohibition, transportation costs and inefficient machinery.

- ① In 1993 worldwide retail sales for hemp products were \$5 million.
- ① In 2000, worldwide retail sales were \$150 million.

This is a tiny part of its potential market and doesn't include the widespread use of hemp as a raw material for industries such as the manufacture of auto parts . The demand for renewable materials by consumers, industry and government will grow out of necessity. Hemp is as good or better than any other raw material for many applications and its quality, durability and efficiency speaks for itself.

Henry Ford dreamed that someday automobiles would be grown from the soil. The Ford motor company, after years of research produced an automobile with a plastic body using a mixture of 70% cellulose fibres from Hemp. The plastic withstood blows 10 times as great as steel could without denting! Its weight was also 2/3 that of a regular car, producing better economy. Henry Ford was forced to use petroleum due to Hemp prohibition. His plans to fuel his fleet of vehicles with plant-power also failed due to Alcohol prohibition at the time.

You can build a house with hemp. Today it is being used to produce caulking, cement, fibreboard, flooring, insulation, panelling, particleboard, plaster, plywood, reinforced concrete and roofing. The hardened material is resistant to rotting, rodents, insects and fire. It is many times lighter than cement and provides both thermal and sound insulation. Concrete pipes reinforced with hemp fibre cost less than one third the price of conventional polypropylene (a material similar to plastic) reinforced concrete pipes and have greater flexibility and resistance to cracking. Fibreboard made from hemp is twice as strong and three times more elastic than fibreboard made from wood. Because of its superior strength and flexibility, it is resistant to cracking and breaking and therefore excellent for areas susceptible to hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes.



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MEMBERS DISCOUNTS?

Businesses have been approached to ask if they would be willing to give a discount to PAID-UP LCA members (members who are paying by standing order or who have paid 6 months or more in advance).

Remember, membership is just £24 per year (£2 per month) - by simply printing out and sending in the form at <http://www.lca-uk.org>

So if you intend to do some shopping, it may well be worth your while to join up and get these discounts.

The discounts will be given in shops on production of your membership card, and on line when you supply a special code at check out - details below.

So far we have secured the following discounts:

- Five Leafs Left, Tenby : discount vouchers for new and renewing members only <http://www.seedsman.com/en> 10% discount for members supplying "code" on check out <http://www.alibongo.co.uk> 10% in Norwich shop and 10% refund after payment upon specifying code
- Growsystems, Norwich 5% on production of card <http://www.drchronic.com> 10% on check out when providing code
- Ye Olde Hemp Market, Newgate Market, York 10% discount on production of card
- EverythingandNothing, Alton, Cumbria 10% on production of card <http://www.1-hydroponics.co.uk> 10% off on provision of code, except starter kits already reduced so only 5% <http://www.herbalhighs.com> agreed, awaiting details, 10%
- Kitbag, 22 Pool Bank Street, Nuneaton 10% on production membership card & ID

If there is no discount at your local or favourite shop, please ask them if they would like to join in and, if so, to get in touch.

WANTED

New members for Lca



reward

100% Organic Hemp/Cotton mix T. Shirt

The rules.

whoever recruits the most new members, with a minimum of six months membership, between the First of March and Thirtieth of April is the winner.

The prize.

a 100% Organic Hemp/Cotton mix T. Shirt, printed with a choice of our existing designs or your own idea. This is your chance as members to not only increase membership but to allow us all to get involved, the more members the bigger the voice, etc, etc. All entries will count towards us having more funds available for local and parliamentary elections. The t-shirt made by the hemp trading company thtc.com and are lush the designs are by rocky or the winner

GOOD Luck and good hunting

Contact rocky at rockyvandebenderskum@yahoo.co.uk

NO TO PROPOSED LIMITS



The LCA has prepared evidence (opinion) to the Advisory Committee on the Misuse of Drugs inquiry into the Thresholds to be to be inserted into Section 2 of the Drugs Act 2005.

“The Legalise Cannabis Alliance REJECT the proposal of thresholds, as they can only be arbitrarily set, are ill-considered, unworkable in practice, unjust and will inevitably prejudice verdicts and greater confusion on the legal status of cannabis.”

Gilian McKeith caused hemp seed shortage

Gilian McKeith, daytime TV health and diet broadcaster has been singing the praises of Hempseed.

Raw hempseed, often ground up and eaten raw with cereals, contains 90% of the nutritional material needed for human life.

Gilian's programmes have made hempseed so popular that suppliers cannot keep up with demand.

HOW TONY LOST HIS LICENCE

Tony phoned the legal help line and explained how he lost his driving licence. Tony, who is disabled, has to have annual health checks ordered by the DVLA to continue driving. The doctor who carried out the check assured Tony that the DVLA was not looking for cannabis. This turned out to be incorrect. The DVLA informed him that since in his medical he had shown a positive test for cannabis, his licence would be withdrawn for a year. Tony is anxious to warn people that any health test ordered by the driving licence authority proves positive for cannabis their licence is liable to be removed, regardless of the circumstance, and there appears to be no procedure for appeal against this.

David Shayler to speak at LCA Conference

Ex MI5 agent David Shayler has agreed to attend and speak at the LCA Conference on March 18th.

David was recruited into the MI5 in 1991, He was involved in the intelligence operation against the IRA, and his work led to the arrest and conviction of IRA Bomber Sean McNulty in 1994.

Later David was in dispute with the Intelligence Service about the ethics and effectiveness of some of their methods. This led to a two year court case and two spells in prison.

David is co-author with his partner Annie Machon of their account of the affair, entitled

'Spies Lies and Whistleblowers' published in 2005.

More recently he has been involved with the 9/11 truth movement. David is a member of the LCA.

Local Elections Coming Soon

The time is running short to register for the local council elections which are being held in many areas, so if you or someone you know is willing or able to stand for the LCA then contact the nominations officer immediately you must be a paid up member to stand. Good Luck to anyone who stands



THC4MS

from nature, out of necessity... thc4ms.org

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

We all know the good work of Mark, Lezley & Marcus please keep signing the petition online at :

<http://www.ethical-business.com/default.asp?sect=detail&pet=2001>

and writing to your MP, the papers, etc.

Also on our forum you can join the conspiracy check it out at :

<http://www.lca-uk.org/lcaforum/viewtopic.php?t=861>

JOIN US - make a simple statement of support for the THC4MS3

ASK your friends, family, neighbours, colleagues to add their name to this list

ACTION like this may change the course of legal history: nick one, nick all!

We Wish you the best of luck and hope for the future that the unfairness of our so called laws make otherwise law abiding citizens act in a criminal manner daily

ON NO VICTIMS
CRIME WITNESS

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THC4MS - Poem

"Another day is over and its time to go to bed,
All day I've suffered pain from my toes up to my head.
I have pain killers provided by the nhs,
for this awful illness known as MS.
It must cost a fortune what a waste of cash,
when all I need is a square of choc-hash.

The tablets don't work I can't sleep for the pain,
I will lay in agony in my bed yet again.
I wait for the postman to come to my door,
but my cannabis chocolate doesn't come any more.
This was my lifeline I could sleep at night,
the pain went away and life was again bright.
I could get up on my own and potter about
now I can't walk and I never get out.

I am aching all over and starting to sweat,
why hasn't my cannabis chocolate come yet.
Without the chocolate my life's not worth living,
I'm told thc4ms has had to stop giving.
The law says its wrong they have been charged with dealing,
all they are doing is actually healing.

from nature, out of necessity... thc4ms.org

On the issue of dependence, the Council's enquiry found that if cannabis dependent users stop using they may suffer decreased appetite, lethargy, irritability, insomnia and mood changes.

Reinstating the cannabis use terminates these symptoms. In other words, the ACMD is conceding that withdrawing cannabis use from these users reduces the quality of their life.

Schizophrenia Psychosis and other drugs

The onset of schizophrenia usually occurs in the late teens or early twenties, the age at which cannabis use is most prevalent, and association, though not necessarily a causal one, is therefore inevitable. The current evidence suggests that at worst, the use of cannabis increases the lifetime risk of developing schizophrenia by 1%. There may also be an inherited factor here based on the catechol-methyl transferase gene.

The report goes on to state that although perhaps 20% of the population experience psychotic symptoms at some time in their lives, the association between the amount and frequency of cannabis use and the development of psychosis is very weak. As is the evidence that use at a young age can trigger psychosis in later life; although cannabis use at a young age is to be discouraged. Recent data does not find a causal association between cannabis use and the development of depression or bipolar disorder; even those studies with positive findings only show small effects. Studies have not necessarily sought information about users' consumption of other drugs such as amphetamines, which commonly lead to aggression, psychosis, schizotypal illness and dependence.

The effect of this report now seems to ensure that future governments will recognise that cannabis consumption is an established social activity that needs to be regulated rather than suppressed.

Report by Steve Pank

A link to the report is available in PDF format on the front page of the Home Office website [www.drugs.gov.uk]

"Penalties against a drug should not be more dangerous to the individual than the use of the drug itself; and where they are they should be changed. Nowhere is this more clear than in the laws against the possession of marijuana."
PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER

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Advisory Council says 'Leave it in class C'

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It was back in March 2002 when the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs published their report which recommended that cannabis was moved to class C.

In March 2005 Home Secretary Clarke asked the Advisory Council to reconsider their recommendation in the light of recent research into the relationship between cannabis use and mental illness. This report, entitled 'Further Consideration of the Classification of Cannabis under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971' was published last December and concluded that cannabis should stay in class 'C', but that a publicity campaign should be run to advise people of possible dangers of cannabis use.

Initially there were rumours that the Home Secretary, with the backing of the P M was planning to override the ACMD and have cannabis returned to class B regardless. However, the word 'misuse' in the title of the Misuse of Drugs Act is a value judgement and it is the task of the Advisory Council to make the judgement as to what 'misuse' constitutes. Their role in this is clearly spelled out in the text of the Misuse of Drugs Act itself. Rumours then spread that if the HS over ruled their recommendation the Advisory Council would resign en bloc. The government would then have had to introduce a completely new Act to control drug classification, and considering that the original vote on moving cannabis to class C was carried both in the Commons and the Lords with a two to one majority, any vote to return it to Class B without the backing of the Advisory Council, would most likely be lost.

The 30 page report started by reaffirming the original report in saying; that there are health dangers in smoking cannabis as there are in smoking tobacco.

Cannabis intoxication can effect sustained attention and motor activities, and acute cannabis intoxication can lead to a sense of confusion, panic attacks and even paranoia. In a small number of cases, users may need hospitalisation and anti-psychotic medication for a few days. The number of patients admitted to hospital with a diagnosis of acute cannabis intoxication has remained stable in England at under 150 a year for the last five years.

Proposed Meeting with home secretary on the 7 March.

The aim of the meeting with Mr Clarke, reflects the basis of the document:
International Law - Risk Management - Effective Policing Cannabis:

Challenging the Criminal Justice System.

<http://www.lca-uk.org/challenge.php#challenge>

There has already been correspondence between the LCA and The home office

We will ask the Home secretary to accept:

1. that few people are happy with the present situation regarding cannabis and the law;
2. that millions of cannabis users face problems entirely due to the illegal status of cannabis;
3. that the present legal system has failed to reduce cannabis production, supply and use.
4. that prosecuting people solely for the cultivation or possession of cannabis for own use (where there is no victim) benefits neither society or the users
5. that despite 20 years of drugs education in schools and government websites the UK has the highest number of cannabis users in the EU
6. The continued prosecution of people who use grow and use cannabis to relieve suffering from terrible ailments such as MS, epilepsy, chronic pain, depression etc. - and consider exception certificates for genuine patients.
7. We will ALSO express our grave concerns that some cannabis resin Commonly known as " soap bar " contains many impurities that could potentially harm the user yet remains completely outside the law.
<http://www.lca-uk.org/leaflets/SoapIsPoison.pdf>
- 8: We will also touch on the EU situations (in particular The Pompe Groups: Co-operation Group to Combat Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Drugs) report on drug testing <http://www.lca-uk.org/PompidouGroup.php>
- 9: Proposed thresholds and their implications

In summary:

We will argue - People have a right to know what the government does and what it stands for. "And, they have a right to fully participate in policy making.

We are hopeful there is enough common ground for further meetings -
Transparent consultation - between government and pro-legalise cannabis experts in the process of drawing up future action plans on cannabis policy.

Don Barnard (Press Officer LCA)

HOME SECRETARY FIGHTS BACK

Despite the moderate tone of the ACMD report, the Charles Clarke seems determined to continue with the persecution of cannabis use

Among the statements which he mad during the Parliamentary debate were "The consumption of cannabis is wrong and we must drive it down by all means; Range of attacks on cannabis consumption needs to be enhanced; There will be an increase in attacks on dealers and growers."

Despite his harsh words, the social use of cannabis will continue and reading between the lines it seems that he is accepting the prospect of lighter penalties for personal and recreational users.

As we know, this policy will not reduce use but may well increase the amount of profit which is received by the illegal market.

The banning of smoking in public places will make it more difficult for coffee shop environments to exist, but behind all this is the political impact that

the cannabis issue is having. Although the percentage of votes that the LCA received in 2005 was down on 2001, there were other gains, like 22 Parliamentary candidates and a party political broadcast shown on BBC and ITV in Wales.

The Lib Dems accept a move towards legalisation and they had a big lift in MPs in 2005 and have just won a stunning by election victory in Scotland, winning a safe labour seat in the constituency next to Gordon Brown's. The next British election, most likely in 2009, may well return a hung parliament in which the Lib Dems hold the balance of power.

With a new Conservative leader much more sympathetic to cannabis use, the voting power of the four million cannabis users in Britain will continue to influence results in British Politics.

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The Best Cannabis Sites Competition

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Categories are:
 Information (on cannabis)
 Campaigning (for legalisation)
 Cultivation (of cannabis)
 Medical (cannabis)

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Henry Fords Hemp Car 1941



Terry Waites Hemp House 1999

The Ford Motor Co. USA
 Has just released news that they are developing a Hybrid Vehicle to run they say on 85% Corn E thanol but ethanol is also made from Hemp & other plant matter



Ford E scape Hybrid E 85

Cannabis & Co-evolution
 A Government restricted Natural Process

With my belief that humankind co-evolved with Cannabis and it is against our humanity to continue with this prohibition which in many ways is more harmful than

legalising, goes the belief that our downfall will come because of prohibition
 For thousands of years, we humans have used cannabis in various forms to medicate, feed, clothe and house ourselves, only in the last hundred years or so has this been almost universally disallowed by various governments worldwide.

At the same time there is an almost universal malaise, both socially and physically, with this in mind it is easy to spot a link between prohibition and devolution. Unfortunately those who are charged with our interests have political goals instead. The time is ripe to seize upon our combined knowledge and to not only educate the masses, the media and the government but also to be a voice for those who cannot use their own for whatever reason.

Our planet has a voice that some are listening to, but not quickly enough, I fear, as everyday we hear of more Threatened Natural Disasters, with our atmosphere heating up too quickly, we need to slow down the use of fossil fuels and really get alternatives to be the mainstream. This is vital not only for us but for our children or they won't have much of a future as we rapidly turn our atmosphere into primordial soup.

Nature has provided tools to enable us to live better. We must shift our perspective, change our industrial processes, alter our consumption habits and learn to live sustainably. Hemp can help effect this change better than any other renewable resource. Historically, dramatic shifts in thinking have been rare or unsuccessful. At the dawn of the this new century, the stakes could not get much higher; the survival of the human race and our way of life as we know it.

Only if we don't ignore the facts and act on our knowledge can nature help humans save ourselves from ourselves.

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