



## Westmorland and Lonsdale Green Party



### Press release

#### Green Party Support for Act for Nature Campaign

Chris Loynes is a Green Party candidate for the Westmorland and Lonsdale parliament constituency at the general election on May 7. He is a Lecturer at Cumbria University and is the first person to stand for the South Lakeland seat. He recently pledged his party's full support for a newly proposed "Act For Nature" campaign. The campaign is asking all political parties to join together and recognise the importance of the natural world, and recognise the importance of the natural world, and how it should underpin every decision we make whether that be education, health or housing.

The Green Party's spokesperson Chris Loynes said

*"nature isn't just a luxury, everyone relies upon it and it is our duty to minimize any impacts we have, where choices can be made, to choose those which favour biodiversity and encourage life of all sorts to flourish".*

Chris went on to highlight the importance of conservation organisations in protecting, creating and enhancing our natural spaces. He praised the work of the Cumbria Wildlife Trust for its restoration of the raised bogs in the Cumbrian Lowlands and also the fifty years the RSPB has spent protecting the reed bed at RSPB Leighton Moss and Morecambe Bay nature reserve. The Green Party not only discussed the importance of protecting the land, Caroline Allen, Green Party spokesperson said they were committed to protecting the earth's oceans and said her party would fully support the designation of any remaining marine protection areas, saying the further misuse of our oceans by over fishing would only lead to reduced potential generations to come.

Samantha Pancheri, spokesperson for the Green Party highlighted the importance of education in the "Act For Nature" campaign. She said

*"the importance of education cannot be overstated; every child should have the experience of being outside and connected with nature, it provides a profound and deep learning experience for young people, no matter what their age. She went on to say how her experience in education has shown her how her time spent outdoors makes young people develop lifelong interests, hobbies, careers and more importantly a strong environmental concern. Samantha finished by saying "what's going to happen to nature if there's no one left to care?"*

Chris Loynes finished his party's pledge by thanking all the conservation organisations for their continued good work and urged every political party, business and family to unite in the protection of our fantastic natural world.

Chris Loynes  
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