



**Gaby Weiner**  
for the Lewes  
County  
Council  
Division

I have had a varied career in education in the UK and abroad and have been involved in campaigns on many education and women's issues. I am currently contributing to the Commission on Older Women set up by the Labour Party to assess the pressures on this group - which I belong to! I oppose privatisation of locally funded services and institutions and am committed to retaining and improving local and national services. I have a special interest in protecting the environment, now and for future generations.

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I have lived in Sussex for most of my life and now live in Plumpton, and have campaigned for local services for 30 years. My career in local government started with East Sussex County Council in 1983 and I have worked with families, adults with mental ill-health and in the Youth Service before being appointed as a Health and Safety Officer for Brighton & Hove City Council.

For six years I was Deputy Health and Safety Adviser for Sussex Police Authority. Currently I work for UNISON, the public sector trade union, and I am a member of UNITE.

**We want to hear from you so please tell us about the issues that concern you:**

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I would like to talk to:  **Gaby**  **George**  **Both**

**I would like to help in the campaign**

**Send your completed form to: Lewes Labour Party, 3 North Street, Lewes, BN7 2PA**

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## Why vote Labour?

Your vote for Labour will make a difference to East Sussex County Council. Increasing the number of Labour Councillors will strengthen those who can really stand up and oppose LibDem/Tory policies.

A vote for the LibDems or Tories means more of the same tired old policies which hit the poor and the old in our county time and time again. A vote for an Independent is wasted on someone who won't stand up for you.

Our vision is a county where there is **equality of opportunity**, where no-one is excluded, and where people have the support they need to fulfil their potential.

Our vision is a county with **opportunities for local businesses to thrive and grow**. A Labour County Council would seek to procure goods and services from local companies.

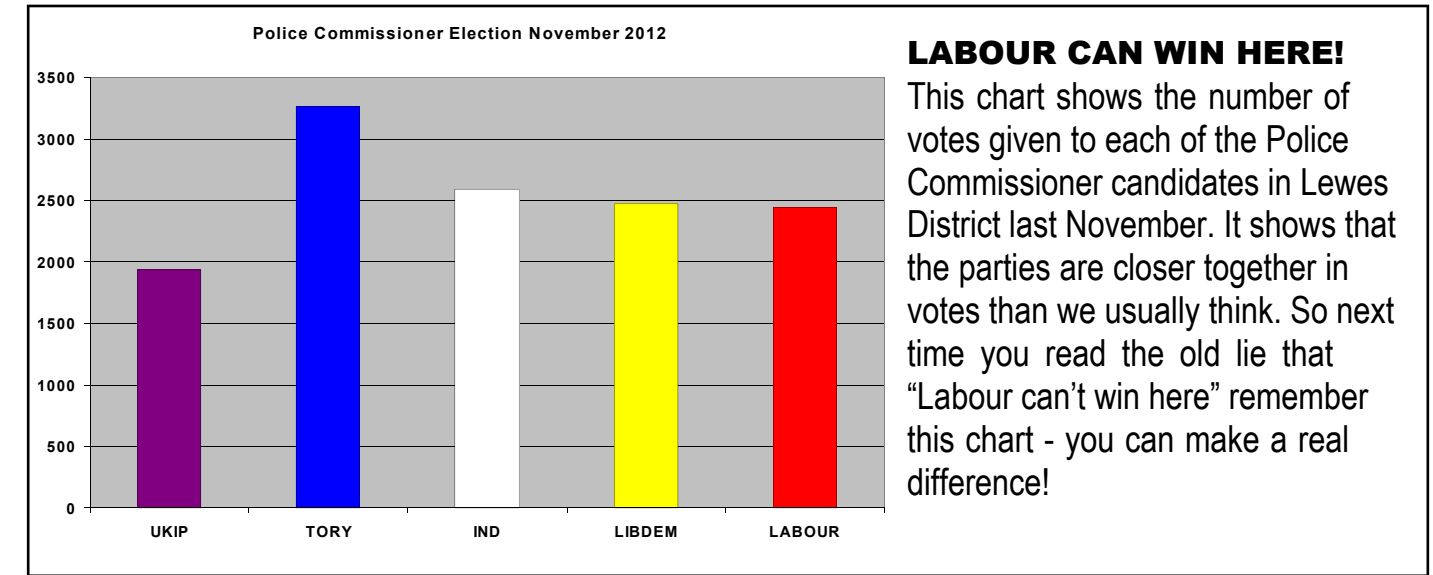
Our vision sees **environmental, social and economic sustainability** as the essential tests of council policies.

## Labour opposes the destruction of state education

East Sussex children deserve good schools that meet the learning needs of all our children. The LibDem/Tory coalition is in the process of destroying our education system.

- Parental choice is being reduced
- Local planning to ensure places for all pupils is being destroyed because of the establishment of so-called free schools
- The working conditions of teachers and other school staff are under attack

The present Council has 29 Tories, 13 LibDems, 4 Labour and 3 Independents. The Tories dominate, the LibDems pull their punches and the Independents follow along behind. Only the Labour councillors offer real opposition and stand up for us. We need more of them!



**LABOUR CAN WIN HERE!**  
This chart shows the number of votes given to each of the Police Commissioner candidates in Lewes District last November. It shows that the parties are closer together in votes than we usually think. So next time you read the old lie that "Labour can't win here" remember this chart - you can make a real difference!

**Labour on Thursday 2nd May**

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## THE BEDROOM TAX

### Another front opens in the war on the poor

The 'bedroom tax' tells you everything you need to know about David Cameron and his government. Two thirds of the households hit by the "bedroom tax" are home to someone who is disabled. Foster families will be hit – even if they have foster children in their 'spare room'. Divorced parents and grandparents will be charged more if they want to keep a spare room for when their children or grandchildren come to stay.

To add to the chaos, the Department for Work and Pensions has admitted that there are not enough smaller properties for families to move to, yet the 'bedroom tax' will still hit households that don't have the option to move.

While families of soldiers serving our country will have to find extra money for their son or daughter's bedroom, 13,000 millionaires will get a tax cut worth £100,000 a year on average in April. Will these millionaires spend their windfall in our local shops and on our local services? Don't hold your breath!

### STOP PRESS!

After an outcry from MPs, housing charities and others the Government has now made some concessions to about 5,000 families affected. BUT the brute fact that there are not enough smaller houses and flats in the country means that this policy will force poorer people to move away from the places and people they know.

### AND SO IT GOES ON . . .

From April 2013, LibDem/Tory benefit cuts will hit people on low wages across Lewes District by capping future benefit increases to 1% up to 2016. This includes most working age benefits, including employment and support allowance, income support, and jobseekers allowance, as well as child tax credits and working tax credits.

The Tories peddle the myth that the welfare bill is spent on "scroungers" but half the payments go to pensioners while over 75% of those on Housing Benefit are working. Tory led Lewes District Council is cutting Council Tax benefit for all working age households.

### Labour opposes the privatisation of public services

Private companies will not be allowed to cherry-pick the most profitable contracts, or provide third-rate services.

We will use and develop in-house expertise and dedication, and benefit from the pride that employees have in serving their communities.

Public Services are just that – they provide a service to us, the public, when we need it. Private companies are in the business of making money for themselves and their shareholders.

For the Tories, if it isn't profitable it will either disappear altogether or remain with cash-strapped local authorities.

Labour opposes the creeping privatisation of our services because it allows large companies to make huge profits from what should be kept as not-for-profit activities such as schools, care-homes, health, police and security services. When the private sector fails, as in recent cases of abuse in care homes, it is the state and NHS that inevitably have to pick up the pieces.



Gaby says: "My contribution to the new Labour Party Commission for Older Women announced by Harriet Harman in September 2012 is to campaign to provide older people with greater independence and control over

their own lives, give them a voice in local policy-making, provide them with access to affordable housing and good health services, and ensure that they are treated with dignity and respect.

More specifically on Lewes, I want to see an increase in public seating and public toilets, and better public transport in urban and rural areas, while ensuring that new building developments include affordable and suitable housing for elderly people, such as one-bedroom and two-bedroom flats.

I am also involved in a project funded by Comic Relief which is exploring how legislation can be used to improve the situation for older people.

## WHERE WILL YOUR CHILDREN LIVE?

*We all need a roof over our heads yet for many it is a struggle. Some may never be able to buy and others on low incomes cannot begin the process.*

House prices in Lewes are 9 times average earnings and those earnings are below the national and regional average. Not enough social housing is being built. The lack of the availability of houses at appropriate prices and in the right place destroys communities, denies people the chance to be near family support, to live in towns and villages near their work and affects the viability of local services.

ESCC needs to protect and identify available land on which truly low cost but decent housing can be built.

Labour Councillors bring innovative ideas to housing planning and provision, and support Town and Parish Councils such as Barcombe who are already addressing the need.

## Labour wants to make the County Council a 'Living Wage' employer!

### We can end wage injustice - it just takes imagination and determination

Did you know that 4,300 employees working for you in the County Council have to rely on benefits to top up their low wages?

- A recent post of Nursery Practitioner was advertised paying just £6.49 an hour
- Top County Council executives were paid £1.2 million last year
- One director received a £128,000 wage
- External consultants are getting over £1,000 per day

Labour is challenging this 'wage-gap' and is determined to overturn the 'no alternative' position on austerity and recession. Labour opposes waste and injustice in the County Council.