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Albert Sloman LibrarySDP ARCHIVESSDP Constitution : Ian Wrigglesworth's File

4. 2.81 Declaration of trust by the trustees of the Council for Social Democracy
23. 2.81 "Council for Social Democracy, formation of new party : matters for consideration", paper prepared by Herbert Oppenheimer, Nathan & Vandyk
30. 3.81 Letter from B. Hooberman to J. Lyttle (3 copies) re. trustees of the Council for Social Democracy acting as trustees for the SDP and C. Lindley having delegated power from the trustees to deal with finances
- Draft resolution dissolving the Council for Social Democracy (3 copies) (attached)
- Cover note from J. Lyttle to I. Wrigglesworth, dated 31.3.81 (attached)
19. 5.81 "Selection of local government candidates", paper by J. Cartwright
22. 6.81 "Constitution of the SDP : comment on draft", paper by J. Blondel
2. 7.81 Letter from C. Piening to I. Wrigglesworth thanking him for his visit to Luxembourg SDP group
- Schedule of meetings with Commission officials (attached)
- Diary of events for visit to Luxembourg and Brussels 30th June and 1st July 1981 (attached)
- "The right of British citizens abroad to vote", paper by SDP Luxembourg local group (attached)
21. 7.81 Dossier containing : Independent Television areas and map, COI/Times regions and map, Liberal Party regions, Conservative Party regions, Labour Party regions, Labour Party constituency by region

August 1981 Letter from R. MacLennan to members of the Steering Committee and the Chief Executive summarizing the timetable and operation of the provisions in the Draft Constitution for the election of the Council and President

"The Constitution of the SDP : explanatory memorandum" (attached)

Draft Constitution of the SDP (attached)

"Amendments to draft constitution of the SDP" (attached)

"Annexe 2 - internal elections" (attached)

"Rules for recognised area party" (attached)

"SDP Constitution - proposed amendments"

"Timetable on the Constitution", by J. Cartwright and A. McGivan, dated 7.9.81 (OSC/4/81)

"Timetable and operation of provisions for election of the Council" (attached)

- 3.11.81 Memorandum from I. Wigglesworth to R. MacLennan re. constitutional amendments proposed by Cleveland Steering Committee
- 17.11.81 News release entitled "Solution to SDP Leadership problem proposed". M. Thomas calls for election of leader by a one member - one vote ballot of all party members
- Draft constitutional amendment on the Leader (attached)
8. 3.82 Circular from I. Wigglesworth to Steering Committee members suggesting that the Leadership election be brought forward to July (2 copies)
- Manuscript notes by I. Wigglesworth on timetable for the election (attached)
10. 3.82 Letter from I. Wigglesworth to H. Berkeley, and reply dated 11.3.82, re. wording of statement on the Leadership advocating choice of Leader by M.P.s (Text of statement attached)
31. 3.82 Circular from B. Doyle to party members re. vote on the SDP Constitution, and specifically on whether positive action should be taken to ensure representation of men and women on the Council, and on how the party Leader should be elected
- Ballot papers, and statements in support of the options on the ballot (attached)

14. 5.82 Circular from B. Doyle to area party secretaries announcing results of the constitutional ballot
1. 2.83 Letter from I. Wrigglesworth to C. Lindley apologizing for his inability to attend a meeting convened with the purpose of forming an Association of SDP Prospective Parliamentary Candidates. (Letter of invitation attached)
- [n. d.] Names and addresses of SDP Parliamentary Panel
- [n.d. ] "Interim constitution"
- [n. d.] "Minor amendments to SDP Constitution"
- [n.d. ] Letter from Roger Liddle to Bill [Rodgers?] and attached paper entitled "Constitutional and organisational issues"
- [n. d.] "Council for Social Democracy : a note on composition"
- [n. d.] "Rules for recognised area party" [revised?]
- [n. d.] "Rules and Standing Orders for local authority Social Democratic groups"

Constitutional Convention (Kensington, 13 and 14 February, 1982)

Circular from L. Astill to area contacts re. SDP Student Conference and accommodation for Constitutional Convention, 8.1.82

Circular from S. Williams to Convention representatives, observers and area parties detailing changes to the Constitution to be recommended to the Convention, 28.1.82

"Formal amendments to the Draft Constitution submitted by area parties", 28.1.82

"Standing Orders"

"Brief for Chairmen and Steering Committee speakers"

Documents relating to Amendments 23, 24 and 24A

"New rule giving the Council power to request a ballot"

"Draft regulation for the selection of prospective parliamentary candidates"

Ballot paper for voting on alternative proposals for electing the Leader (with instructions sheet)

"Sexual orientation : the reality behind the phrase", Social Democrats for Gay Rights publication no. 3

Cutting listing amendments carried at the Convention

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Agenda

Circular from B.Doyle to Area Convenors, [n.d.], re. convention timetable (3 copies)  
SDP constitution: proposed amendments, [prepared by] M.S.Thomas, 4.9.81  
Timetable on the constitution (OSC/4/81), 7.9.81  
Budget for constitutional convention, 13-14 February 1982 [n.d.]  
Circular from B.Doyle to Area Contacts, 4.12.81, re. arrangements for the convention, with proposed amendments to SDP draft constitution and circular (2 copies) from Shirley Williams, R.Jenkins, W.Rodgers, and D.Owen, 2.12.81, attached  
Circulars from B.Doyle to Area Contacts, 22.12.81, re. arrangements for the convention  
Report of mini-conference (on the SDP constitution) chaired by D.Suratgar and held at St.Catherine's College, 2 January 1982  
Constitutional convention (OSC/4/82), 18.2.82 (2 copies)  
Circular from R.Newby to Cowley Street staff and Regional Organisers, 23.2.82, re. constitutional convention (2 copies), with SDP diary of events 1982  
Amendments carried by constitutional convention

Memorandum on the constitution of the House of Lords prepared for the Steering Committee of the SDP by the SDP peers (marked 'confidential')  
Amendments to draft constitution of the SDP (4 copies)  
SDP constitution (draft of paper for circulation to SDP members for ballot on the SDP constitution) [n.d.]  
Constitution: preparing for the ballot (paper by R.Newby [n.d.] with annexes 1-6)  
Circular (2 copies), 31.3.82 from B.Doyle to SDP members re. ballot on the SDP constitution (voting papers attached)  
Circular, 14.5.82, from B.Doyle to Area Party secretaries re. result of the ballot on the constitution  
Reform of the constitution: proposals by the Social Democratic Lawyers' Association, June 1982  
Implementing the Party constitution (SC/54/6/82), paper by R.Newby

Correspondence to/from F.B.Doyle

- 1.9.81 K.W.F. Herbertson, with reply, re. availability of the draft constitution
- 17.9.81 Memorandum from F.B.Doyle to R.Maclennan, re. the draft constitution
- 29.10.81 Letter from A.F.Lazard, re. the constitution, with reply
- 14.12.81 Letter from W.Aspinall, re. constitutional amendments
- 10.12.81 Letter from J.Kirkland (of Clark Pixley, Chartered Accountants) re. the mode of taxing the Party, with reply 21.12.81

\* Chief Executive of the SDP, 1981-1983.

- 23.12.81 Letter from F.B.Doyle to L.C.Sykes re. campaign for electoral reform
- 6.1.82 Letter from J.Barbour, re. lack of adequate discussion on the constitution
- [n.d.] Letter from B.G.Shelley, re. lack of consultation on constitution matters, with reply 12.1.82
- 28.1.82 Letter from T.Forester, re. the 'Open Forum' pamphlet
- 15.2.82 Memorandum from C.D.Linley, re. constitutional convention
- 16.2.82 Letter from M.Collins (Chairman, North Sussex Area) re. wording for the national ballot, with list of signatories attached; reply from R.Newby, 24.2.82
- 14.4.82 Letter from D.Lewis, re. wording on the ballot on the SDP constitution, with reply 20.4.82
- 14.4.82 Letter from D.A.Howell, re. ballot on the SDP constitution, with reply, 20.4.82
- 16.4.82 Letter from D.Holyoake, re. the SDP constitution, with reply, 21.4.82
- 28.4.82 Circular from R. Newby, re. ballot on SDP constitution
- 13.6.82 Letter from P.Clark, re. elections of officials for local area party, with reply 16.6.82