

All-Party Parliamentary Sustainable Resource Group (APSRG) AGM minutes

26 April 2022 16:00

Attendance

Parliamentarians

1. Lord Teverson
2. Baroness Jones of Whitchurch
3. Alex Sobel MP
4. Lord Clement-Jones
5. Baroness Judith Jolly
6. Office of Barry Sheerman MP

Policy Connect secretariat

1. Ágnes Szuda
2. Tom Waterhouse
3. Claudia Jaksch

Vote on officers

The following officers were re-elected in the following capacity.

Existing officers		
Role	Name	Party
Chair & Registered Contact	Barry Sheerman MP	Labour (Co-op)
Officer	Dr Alan Whitehead MP	Labour
Officer	Fleur Anderson MP	Labour
Officer	Alex Sobel MP	Labour (Co-op)
Officer	Lord Teverson	Liberal Democrat
Officer	Sir Robert Goodwill MP	Conservative
Officer	Sir David Evennett MP	Conservative
Officer	Kerry McCarthy MP	Labour
Officer	Baroness Jones of Whitchurch	Labour
Officer	Ben Lake MP	Plaid Cymru

The following officers were nominated and elected in the following capacity.

New officers		
Role	Name	Party

Vice Chair	Selaine Saxby MP	Conservative
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Financial statement

Parliamentary attendees reviewed and approved the income and expenditure statement for the reporting period 27 January 2021 to 26 January 2022.

Past programme review

2021 in review:

- Resources and Waste Strategy – 2 years on (January 2021)
- Food waste, food loss and climate change (March 2021)
- After the Green Homes Grant – what's next? (April 2021)
- Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging (May 2021)
- The role of COP26 in Automotive's journey to net zero (September 2021)
– joint event with the All-Party Parliamentary Motor Group
- Stopping the Plastic Tide (November 2021)

In 2022 so far:

- Unpacking the circular economy: refill and reuse in packaging solutions (March 2021)
- Innovative technologies for recycling (March 2021)

Future programme

Proposed potential themes for discussion by the Secretariat:

- Reusable and refillable packaging
- Reuse in other sectors
- Circularity of textiles
- Other themes of the circular economy, such as remanufacturing
- Waste electrical and electronic equipment (known as WEEE or e-waste)
- Tackling modern day slavery in the waste sector
- Waste crime
- Further topics?

Q Baroness Jones of Whitchurch: Will the reuse and refill inquiry also cover the deposit return scheme (DRS)?

A Policy Connect: Yes, DRS will feature as an element as will extended producer responsibility.

Q Baroness Jones of Whitchurch: Given increasing importance of the sustainability of water use in the context of manufacturing, agriculture, construction etc. can the APSRG consider this?

A Policy Connect: Water use and sustainability is covered by Policy Connect elsewhere and Baroness Jones to be introduced to this work.

Q Lord Teverson: Is it worth taking a look at precious minerals and rare metals and their recovery to avoid over-reliance on mining? Also, a consideration to the renewables industry and batteries and their recyclability could be worthwhile.

Baroness Jones supports this suggestion.

A Policy Connect: Recoverability of metals will be put on the agenda.

Q office of Barry Sheerman: Harnessing energy from waste as a potential topic.

Lord Teverson points to recent work and focus on heat uptake from it.

A Policy Connect: Offer to connect Barry Sheerman with Policy Connect colleague focusing on energy from waste.

Baroness Jones of Whitchurch: Offer to connect with ethical fashion group in House of Lords and source speakers on the topic.

Lord Teverson: Waste crime as another topic to consider.

Meeting ends 16:28