

2023/2024 Activity Summary

The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Sustainable Resources

February 2023

Parliamentary Launch – Circular Economy and the Renewables Sector, partnership with Green Purposes Company

Chair: Lord Teverson

Speakers included:

- Lord Callanan
- Rémy Le Moigne, Report Author, Gate C
- Mark Dooley, Green Investment Group
- Duncan Clark Ørsted UK & Ireland
- Dr Anne Velenturf, University of Leeds

To reduce the overall demand for critical raw materials and minimise supply risks and negative environmental and social impacts, the renewable energy sector must transition toward a circular economy. This event discussed the findings and recommendations of a report by the Green Purposes Company on circular economy issues in the renewables sector and how to address these.

March 2023

Evidence Session - Unpacking the Circular Economy: Reusable packaging and the environment

Chair: Mark Pawsey MP

Speakers included:

- Tracy Sutton, Root
- Dr Fabrizio Ceschin, Brunel University London
- Paula Chin, WWF
- Rachael Rothman, University of Sheffield

Evidence session held to inform research inquiry on behalf of the APPG for Sustainable Resources, 'Unpacking the circular economy: reuse and refill in packaging solutions'.

Findings of the session were used to inform findings, recommendations of the policy report.

April 2023

Roundtable - Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging: Resources and waste sector

Chair: Ruth Jones MP

Attendees: Environmental Services Association, FCC Environment, Grundon, Suez UK, Veolia, Viridor

Roundtable on the Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging (EPR) and other related policy developments in the waste and resources sector. Event captured the waste management sector's 'first reactions' to recent updates from Government and one year on from the publication of consultation results.

May 2023

Annual General Meeting

Chair: Barry Sheerman MP

To elect officers of the group for the next 12 months and approve finances.

June 2023

Evidence session - Unpacking the Circular Economy: Reusable Packaging in the Supply Chain

Chair: Ruth Jones MP

Speakers included:

- Councillor Linda Taylor, representing the Local Government Association
- Catherine Conway, Unpackaged
- Katherine Fleet, RECOUP
- Dr Rorie Parsons and Sarah Greenwood, University of Sheffield

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July 2023

Parliamentary Launch - Analysing progress on meeting net zero for the recycling & waste sector, partnership with Environmental Services Association

Keynotes: Alex Sobel MP, Lord Teverson

This event discussed the findings and recommendations of a report by the Environmental Services Association tracking policy progress made since the realisation of the organisation's previous Net Zero Strategy in 2021.

October 2023

Online roundtable – What's Next for Sustainable Resources Policy?

Chair: Barry Sheerman MP due to chair the event but was unable to join on the day. Event was chaired by Policy Connect.

This event brought together organisations and businesses who support the APPG for Sustainable Resources as industry members, to discuss the future of sustainable resource policy in the UK and how the APPG could set its future events and research programme to best inform policy priorities.

Insights from the discussion served as the basis of a programme of work for the APPG in 2024-2025.

November 2023

Parliamentary launch – Unpacking the Circular Economy: Unlocking reuse at scale

Keynote: Alex Sobel MP

Event to celebrate the publication of Policy Connect's latest report on behalf of the APPG for Sustainable Resources – [Unpacking the Circular Economy: Unlocking reuse at scale](#). The report sets out five key policy recommendations which would support the UK to capitalise on the potential of reusable packaging products and systems to accomplish the UK's circular economy ambitions.

Speakers included:

- Mark Pawsey MP
- Katy Haigh, report author, Policy Connect
- Lara Pohl-Martell, ReLondon
- Lowelle Bryan, The UK Plastics Pact, WRAP
- Dr Lucia Corsini, Brunel University London
- Sarah Greenwood, University of Sheffield
- Sarah Ottaway, Suez UK
- Tracy Sutton, Root