



## **Meeting Minutes: All Party Parliamentary Group on the Environment AGM (21.03.2023) 12-1 PM BST**

### **Present at the Meeting:**

Chris Skidmore MP (Chair)  
Christina Rees MP  
Douglas Chapman MP  
Daniel Zeichner MP  
Earl of Caithness  
Baroness Young  
Sir Peter Bottomley MP  
Caroline Lucas MP  
Shaun Spiers, Executive Director at Green Alliance  
Joe Tetlow, Senior Political Adviser at Green Alliance  
Alice Watson, Political Adviser at Green Alliance  
Joseph Keegan, Policy Assistant at Green Alliance  
Jason Reeves, Nature APPG  
Max Austin, senior policy adviser to Chris Skidmore MP (Chair)

### **Agenda:**

#### **Introduction from the Chair**

The Chair welcomed attendees and outlined the agenda for the session: Election of Chairs and Officers, reflections from the secretariat, taking forward the work of the Nature APPG, discussion of the 2023 programme, and the approval of income and expenditure statement.

#### **Reflections from Secretariat**

Shaun Spiers highlighted the new [net zero policy tracker](#), which monitors the UK's progress toward meeting its net zero strategy using data the government has published. Shaun also raised the issue of circular economy and resources, highlighting the recent [construction report](#), and how this could help us reach net zero targets while ensuring productivity and economic growth. Shaun reminded attendees of Green Alliance's convening role, convening environmental NGOs via Greener UK on issues such as the REUL Bill.

#### **APPG Priorities (Joe Tetlow)**

Joe highlighted the work of the APPG in 2022, expanding the caucus of MPs and associate members, doing new parliamentary briefings, the first ever report (10 point plan for climate and nature), arranging site visits and the new Environment APPG annual awards. Joe set out some of the priorities for 2023, including the Land Use Framework, work to regulate plastic waste and critical materials (such as by banning disposable vapes) and also the funding from ECF to do site visits via the net zero and nature tour.

#### **Nature APPG**

The Nature APPG will be dissolved, and associate members will be allowed to join the Environment APPG. Green Alliance will continue to serve as the secretariat to the Environment APPG but will

ensure nature remains central to the group's work. Jason Reeves thanked Baroness Young for her work on nature – and highlighted an upcoming report that will be shared.

#### **Discussion of the 2023 programme- event ideas**

Christina Rees MP suggested a site visit to the Global Centre of Rail Excellence.

Baroness Young emphasised the importance of land use and how it affects biodiversity, particularly in the context of DEFRA and DLUCH.

Chris Skidmore MP suggested that the net zero and nature tour should consider the different types of lands and their usage and proposed the group should hold an event for the 100-day mark since COP15.

Caroline Lucas MP suggested a site visit to the Wealm to Waves project.

#### **Approval of Income and Expenditure Statement: all 'ayes'**

A draft financial statement of the income, expenditure, and balance for the year ending January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, was presented to the meeting, and formally approved by the officers. This has been signed off by the chair, Chris Skidmore MP. New guidance for joining the Environment APPG, which prioritises environmental integrity, is being developed and will be shared with officers soon.

#### **Election of Chair and Officers**

##### **Unanimously re-elected:**

Chris Skidmore MP (Chair)  
Anthony Browne MP  
Douglas Chapman MP  
Luke Pollard MP  
Jerome Mayhew MP  
Laura Farris MP  
Daniel Zeichner MP  
Alexander Stafford MP  
Deidre Brock MP  
Christina Rees MP  
Baroness Barbara Young  
Lord Carrington  
Lord Caithness  
Alan Whitehead MP  
Lord Cameron of Dillington  
Baroness Natalie Bennett  
Rebecca Long Bailey MP  
Caroline Lucas MP

##### **Unanimously elected:**

Selaine Saxby MP  
Fleur Anderson MP  
Afzal Khan MP  
Wera Hobhouse MP  
Barry Gardiner MP  
Lord Krebs  
Baroness Northover  
Marsha de Cordova MP

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