

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Environment

Annual Report

January 2023 to January 2024



The work of the Environment APPG:

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Environment works across political parties to strengthen the influence of parliamentarians on public policy and debate on the environment, as well as to improve parliamentarians' access to specialist knowledge on areas like climate and energy, waste and resources, and the natural environment.

The year saw a number of successes for the APPG. Following a letter from APPG members to the Prime Minister, the UK Government backed a moratorium on deep sea mining until the environmental impacts are better known. The Government also committed to banning disposable vapes, which are both a significant source of pollution and an irresponsible use of critical minerals. APPG member Selaine Saxby was also successful in her #SayPantsToTheTax campaign with M&S for the VAT to be removed on period pants.

The Environment APPG's committee:

From the period January 2023 to January 2024, our Chair was the Rt Hon Chris Skidmore MP, a former Conservative Minister at the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Our cross-party committee of vice-chairs consisted of:

1. Luke Pollard MP: Labour (Co-op)
2. Jerome Mayhew MP: Conservative
3. Daniel Zeichner MP: Labour
4. Alexander Stafford MP: Conservative
5. Deidre Brock MP: Scottish National Party
6. Christina Rees MP: Independent
7. Baroness Young of Old Scone: Labour
8. Lord Carrington: Crossbench
9. The Earl of Caithness: Conservative
10. Dr Alan Whitehead MP: Labour
11. Lord Cameron of Dillington: Crossbench
12. Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle: Green Party
13. Rebecca Long Bailey MP: Labour
14. Caroline Lucas MP: Green Party
15. Selaine Saxby MP: Conservative
16. Fleur Anderson MP: Labour [stood down in September 2023 to become Shadow Minister for Northern Ireland]
17. Afzal Khan MP: Labour
18. Wera Hobhouse MP: Liberal Democrat
19. Barry Gardiner: Labour
20. Lord Krebs: Crossbench

21. Baroness Northover: Liberal Democrat
22. Marsha De Cordova: Labour

For a full list of Parliamentary members, please see [our website](#).

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The Environment APPG's Publications this year:

1. Reports:
 - a. 16th November 2023: [Parliamentarians, charities and businesses issue priorities for UK's delegation to COP28](#)
2. Media work:
 - a. 5th February 2023: [Bison dubbed 'ecosystem engineers' breathing new life into British woodland](#)
 - b. 24th May 2023: [MPs call to ban disposable vapes to prevent a 'new public health catastrophe'](#)
 - c. 5th March 2023: [Britain must leave the Energy Charter Treaty](#)
 - d. 20th September 2023: [PM must stick with net-zero policies to cut bills and support business, say senior cross-party MPs](#)
 - e. 15th November 2023: [UK must 'double down' on climate leadership at Cop28, MPs say](#)
 - f. 29th November 2023: [The UK should exit the Energy Charter Treaty – Chris Skidmore MP](#)
3. Our full list of Parliamentary briefings can be found [on our website](#).

The Environment APPG's meetings this year:

1. Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 21st March 2023:
 - a. The meeting was quorate, chaired by Chris Skidmore MP, with parliamentary attendees including Daniel Zeichner MP, Caroline Lucas MP, Douglas Chapman MP, Baroness Young, Earl of Caithness, Sir Peter Bottomley and Christina Rees MP. New Vice Chairs were elected including: Selaine Saxby MP, Fleur Anderson MP, Afzal Khan MP, Wera Hobhouse MP, Barry Gardiner MP, Lord Krebs, Baroness Northover and Marsha de Cordova MP. Existing Committee members were re-elected, with the exception of Fay Jones MP, who had to stand down for government responsibilities.
 - b. Full minutes can be found [on our website](#).
2. Events, receptions, and panels:
 - a. 14th Dec 2023: Environmental leadership celebrated at the Environment APPG Christmas reception and awards evening.
 - b. 28th November 2023: A Climate for Change Parliamentary Breakfast
 - c. 16th Nov 2023: Reception launching our global goals for climate leadership at COP28.
 - d. 13th September 2023: Is the UK on track for net zero? In conversation with the Climate Change Committee
 - e. 4th July 2023: Should the UK commit to a moratorium on deep sea mining? - parliamentary roundtable
 - f. 3rd July 2023: Wild Isles reception with RSPB, WWF and National Trust

- g. 13th June 2023: People's Plan for Nature parliamentary roundtable - joint event with Peers for the Planet
- h. 17th April 2023: Parliamentary panel on the banning of disposable e-vapes.
- i. 13th March 2023: What do we want from the Energy Bill? Online panel discussion
- j. 8th March 2023: An update on UK Environment Policy with Trudy Harrison MP as Minister for Natural Environment and Land Use
- k. 21st February 2023: Parliamentary roundtable on the Energy Charter Treaty
- l. 24th January 2023: Canada House event with the Rt Hon. Lord Goldsmith and Catherine Stewart
- m. 23rd January 2023: An update on UK climate policy with Rt Hon Graham Stuart

Finances and membership:

The Environment APPG is financially supported by our associate members, who range from businesses and trade associations to universities and charities. A full list of our current associate members can be found [on our website](#).

A record of registrable financial benefits received by the group to January 2024 can be found on the [House of Commons APPG register](#).

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