



**All Party Parliamentary Group on the Environment AGM – 15.04.21, 10-11am BST
Meeting Minutes**

Present at the meeting:

Anthony Browne MP	Rupert Carrington (Lord Carrington)
Jerome Mayhew MP	Ewen Cameron (Lord Cameron)
Barry Gardiner MP	Malcolm Caithness (Earl of Caithness)
Sarah Dines MP	Shaun Spiers (Executive Director, Green Alliance)
Dr Alan Whitehead MP	Jo Rogers (Operations Director, Green Alliance)
Deidre Brock MP	Holly Rowden (Environment APPG Coordinator, Green Alliance)
Selaine Saxby MP	John Sweeney (Senior Parliamentary Assistant to Anthony Browne MP)
Barbara Young (Baroness Young)	
Sue Hayman (Baroness Hayman)	

1. Introduction from the Chair

- Awarded grant from the European Climate Foundation to expand the work of the APPG
- Hosted 10 events since Green Alliance took over Secretariat
- Tribute to Cheryl Gillan MP, former Vice Chair of the APPG

2. Election of Chair and Officers

Unanimously re-elected:

Anthony Browne MP (Chair)
Dr Alan Whitehead MP (Vice Chair)
Jerome Mayhew MP (Vice Chair)
Laura Farris MP (Vice Chair)
Sarah Dines MP (Vice Chair)
Fay Jones MP (Vice Chair)
Jack Dromey MP (Vice Chair)
Christina Rees MP (Vice Chair)
Matthew Offord MP (Vice Chair)

Unanimously elected:

Lord Carrington (Vice Chair)
Earl of Caithness (Vice Chair)
Baroness Hayman (Vice Chair)
Baroness Young (Vice Chair)
Lord Benyon (Vice Chair)
Daniel Zeichner MP (Vice Chair)
Alexander Stafford MP (Vice Chair)
Deidre Brock MP (Vice Chair)

3. Approval of Income and Expenditure Statement – all ayes

A draft financial statement of the income, expenditure, and balance for the year ending 27 January 2021 was presented to the meeting and formally approved by the officers. This will be signed off by the Chair, Anthony Browne MP. A full list of associate members and any other financial contributors to the APPGE was requested by the officers and the secretariat agreed to provide this in due course.

4. Reflections from Secretariat: Shaun Spiers

Green Alliance Highlights:

- Convening environment NGOs
- Greener UK: Environment Bill and Trade Bill work
- Green Renewal project
- Business coalitions (e.g. Circular Economy Task Force)
- Transport Decarbonisation project
- Policy Tracker: showing gap between Government net zero commitments and policies

Key Priorities:

- What sort of green recovery? The Treasury needs to be fully supportive
- Encouraging that there is genuine Government commitment to net zero and biodiversity, but more Government departments need to be on board and coordinate
- G7 and COP26 and crucial opportunities for the UK
- Decade of action is needed, not just this year

5. Discussion of 2021 programme – event ideas

- Barry Gardiner MP: Kunming Biodiversity Summit (COP15)
- Jerome Mayhew MP: Carbon Border Adjustments, ahead of the G7
- Lord Carrington + Barry Gardiner MP: public climate education and school curriculum, education as a driving force of the Dasgupta Review
- Baroness Hayman: pollution and waterways/water quality
- Baroness Young: Biodiversity net gain, making a meaningful reality
- Lord Cameron: Agriculture and the livestock industry
- Jerome Mayhew: opportunities for carbon sequestration in farming
- Earl of Caithness: protection of peatlands
- Deidre Brock MP: Hydrogen event – marine energy and energy storage

Action points:

- Baroness Young: request for memberships and donors list