

APPG Bus and Coach.

Inaugural Meeting. 22nd July 6.30pm

Atlee Room.

Minutes.

Parliamentary Attendance: Lord Snape, Lord Berkeley, Lord Austin, Baroness Randerson, Lord McCabe. Mike Wood MP, Sarah Edwards MP, Alex Mayer MP, Tahir Ali MP, Chris Bloore MP, Cat Eccles MP, Dawn Butler MP.

Apols: Paulette Hamilton MP, Preet Gill MP, Baroness Burt, Baroness Mackintosh, Alex Ballinger MP. Scott Arthur MP. Peter Prinsley MP. Sharon Hodgson MP. Lord Byron Davies.

1. Introduction. Lord Snape detailed the former APPGs that had covered the sector, the Road Passenger APPG, The Bus Services APPG, The Hydrogen Bus and Coach APPG and some of their achievements.

- He paid tribute to past members of the above groups, and those who had lost their seats in the last election especially to Sean Bailey MP former chair of the Recovery and Renewal group and former officers , Colleen Fletcher and Gill Furnish.
- LS continued that this would be an important parliament for the sector as the incoming Government has big plans to reform the sector and to bring in new methods of control and regulation of the sector, franchising / regional nationalization. Exciting times!
- He also thanked Paul Sainthouse from Dawson Group and Lynda Waltho (former member) who provided Secretariat Support to some of the above APPGs and asked if they would be prepared to do so for the future APPG.

Agreed.

2. Election. The following were proposed and elected officers of the new APPG.

Mike Wood MP Chr

Alex Mayer MP Sec

Sarah Edwards MP Treasurer

Lord Snape co-Chr

Agreed.

3. There followed a discussion on 'Catch the Bus Month' initiated by Lord Snape and Paul Sainthouse. There will be a photocall and launch event in September. Details to be circulated nearer the time as to where, when and what activities will be taking place.
4. There being no other business, the formal meeting closed to be followed by a dinner event with sector representatives in the Attlee room and an informal discussion regarding possible future legislation and its effects led by Mike Wood and Lord Snape.

ENDS 9.30pm.