

Inaugural meeting minutes • July 2024

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Climate Change: Inaugural meeting minutes

Date: Monday 29th July 2024

Time: 12:00pm-12:45pm

Location: Room M, Portcullis House, Westminster

Attendees:

- APPG Secretariat: Alice Watson, Estelle Limon, Gwen Peters, Robbie MacPherson.
- Parliamentarians: Abtissam Mohamed MP, Andrew Lewin MP, Andrew Pakes MP, Barry Gardiner MP, Carla Denyer MP, Cat Eccles MP, Charlotte Cane MP, Clive Jones MP, Danny Chambers MP, Ellie Chowns MP, Jane Kirkham MP, Jeevun Sandher MP, John Whitby MP, Josh Newbury MP, Lord Stone, Luke Murphy MP, Pippa Heylings MP, Polly Billington MP, Uma Kumaran MP, Zoe Franklin MP.

Introductions:

- The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and provided an opportunity for introductions.
- The Chair then explained the rules of the Inaugural meeting to members.

Election of officers:

- Parliamentarians present voted unanimously in favour of electing the following officers with a show of hands: Luke Murphy MP (Chair, Labour), Pippa Heylings MP (Vice-Chair, Liberal Democrat), Carla Denyer MP (Vice-Chair, Green), Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park (Vice-Chair, Conservative).
- Attendees agreed that everyone else present would like to sign on as a supportive member of the APPG.

Financial update:

- The Chair and Secretariat provided an update on the Group's financial picture and funding position.

Activity discussion:

- Members discussed how regularly the group would like to meet to explore upcoming activities and we agreed to aim for once a quarter for this style of meeting, and look to hold an event approximately every other month.
- Members raised their interest in the upcoming COP29 and CBD COP16 conferences and also suggested the APPG organises a meeting with the Climate Change Committee to speak to the group and another member noted the importance of engaging with the FCDO.
- The Chair provided an update on the Climate Leadership Programme which has been organised in partnership with the Environment APPG and many external partners have fed-in to the events programme. Members were encouraged to get in touch if they had feedback on the proposed events or suggestions for wider partners to loop-in.
- Members raised the importance of securing debates and co-ordinating in the process to show strength in numbers.
- A member mentioned their work on COP26 and said a framework is needed to work with the Local Government Association and we agreed to consider a local level focus in the upcoming work programme.