

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MAY 2023

APPG for Dark Skies Annual General Meeting

23 May 2023, 12:00 BST, Room W2 Westminster Hall

In attendance:

Parliamentarians for quorum

Sir Peter Bottomley MP (Co-Chair and Registered Contact)

Lady Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville (Vice-Chair)

Lord Stunnell (Vice-Chair)

Lord Vaux of Harrowden (Vice-Chair)

James Wild MP (Vice-Chair)

Ian Paisley MP

Others

Dr Robert Massey (Royal Astronomical Society)

Hugh Spackman (Royal Astronomical Society)

Andrew McCall

Apologies for absence

Lord Carrington

Caroline Lucas MP

Lord Rennard

Selaine Saxby MP

Cat Smith MP

Lord Rees of Ludlow

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting.

Election of officers:

The following were nominated and elected for positions, with the unanimous support of those present and eligible to vote:

Co-chairs:

Sir Peter Bottomley MP (Conservative)

Lord Rees of Ludlow (Crossbench)

Vice chairs:

Tonia Antoniazzi MP (Labour)

Lady Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville (Liberal Democrat)

Bob Blackman MP (Conservative)

Sir Graham Brady MP (Conservative)

Sir Peter Bottomley MP (Conservative)

Lord Carrington (Crossbench)

Alberto Costa MP (Conservative)

Virginia Crosbie MP (Conservative)

Tracey Crouch MP (Conservative)

The Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP (Conservative)

The Rt Hon Philip Dunne MP (Conservative)

Tim Farron MP (Liberal Democrat)

Simon Fell MP (Conservative)

Marcus Fysh (Conservative)

Lord Grantchester (Labour)

Fay Jones MP (Conservative)

Tim Loughton MP (Conservative)

Caroline Lucas MP (Green)

Jerome Mayhew MP (Conservative)

Sheryll Murray MP (Conservative)

Lady Neville-Rolfe (Conservative)

Lord Rennard (Liberal Democrat)

Selaine Saxby MP (Conservative)

Bob Seely MP (Conservative)

Cat Smith MP (Labour)

Greg Smith MP (Conservative)

Lord Stunell (Liberal Democrat)

Lord Taylor of Holbeach CBE (Conservative)

Lord Vaux of Harrowden (Crossbench)

The Rt Hon Theresa Villiers MP (Conservative)

The Rt Hon John Whittingdale MP (Conservative)

James Wild MP (Conservative)

Priorities for 2023

Those present discussed the work programme for the APPG for the coming 12 months. Suggestions included:

- Explore expanding the remit of the APPG to include space related pollutants - e.g. satellite constellations, radio pollution
- A focus on the effects of light pollution on human health, to align with the Lords enquiry on the same topic

Other discussion points

- We can use the APPG website to provide a range of resources for the public to use when researching light pollution
- We should work with other science & technology APPGs, as well as relevant third-parties, to cross-promote our work and goals in areas of common interest
- We should also work with relevant third parties to provide a route for questions and ideas around light pollution to raise its political profile

Date of next meeting: TBC

The meeting concluded at 12:19 BST