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Wednesday 10 January 2024, 1pm, Room M, Portcullis House

Minutes

## Attendees:

Alberto Costa MP

Selaine Saxby MP

Liz Twist MP

John McNally MP

Ruth Jones MP

Carol Monaghan MP

Philip Dunne MP

Lord Brennan KC

Emma Holland-Lindsay – APPG Secretariat (The WI)

Tobias Arno – APPG Secretariat (The WI)

Jacob Coad – Office of Alberto Costa MP

## Welcome and Introductions:

Alberto Costa MP welcomed attendees to the meeting and gave an overview of the aims of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics.

## Election of officers:

Alberto Costa MP was elected as Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics.

Selaine Saxby MP was elected as Officer of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics.

Liz Twist MP was elected as Officer of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics

John McNally MP was elected as Officer of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics

## Updates and Plans for Next Year:

Emma Holland-Lindsay thanked Members for attending and thanked Alberto Costa MP for continuing to Chair the APPG. Emma informed the attendees that a parliamentary drop-in is being planned by the Group for Tuesday 21 February at 12.30 in room Q, Portcullis House and that a reception for the APPG on Microplastics was also being planned for the summer.

## Any Other Business:

John McNally MP introduced the issue of microplastics pollution from domestic boilers, and asked whether the group could look into this. Liz Twist MP noted that this could be an issue worth exploring in relation to the phasing out of gas boilers.

The Rt Hon Phillip Dunne MP highlighted the issue of microplastics pollution associated with sewage pollution from storm overflows as well as from wastewater biosolids which were sold as fertiliser.

Alberto Costa MP noted that the issue of microplastics was very broad and that the APPG had previously chosen to focus on pollution from washing machines, after initially looking into a vast array of areas, but that the group could make tentative enquiries into the issues discussed at the AGM.

## Next steps:

APPG Secretariat to make tentative enquiries about other issue relating to microplastics which were discussed.

Drop-in event taking place at 12.30 on 21st February in Room Q, PCH.

Summer Parliamentary Reception