

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Deforestation Annual General Meeting Official Minutes

Wednesday 3rd December 2025, 13:00PM – 13:30PM

Room U, Portcullis House

Attendees

External (NGO Forest Coalition – Secretariat to the APPG)

- Reem Berrada, APPG Global Deforestation Secretariat (on behalf of the NGO Forest Coalition)
- Gemma, Mighty Earth
- Robin, WWF
- Vanessa, Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA)

Parliamentarians

- Graham Stuart MP (Conservative) *External Chair*
- Pippa Heylings MP (Liberal Democrat)
- Alex Sobel MP (Labour)
- Rupa Huq MP (Labour)
- David Taylor MP (Labour)
- Bambos Charalambous MP (Labour)
- Baroness Sheehan (Labour)
- Charlie Maynard MP (Liberal Democrat)
- Alistair Carmichael MP (Liberal Democrat)
- Martin Rhodes MP (Labour)

Welcome

The meeting was opened with a welcome from the External Chair, Graham Stuart MP and formalities as set out by APPG rules – *“May I remind you that it is the responsibility of the Chair and officers of the APPG to ensure that the required papers (income and expenditure statements, annual reports and a due diligence statement on foreign governments) have been prepared in accordance with the APPG Rules and the Guide to the APPG rules published by the Committee on Standards. Before we proceed any further, I will now check that this meeting is quorate.”*

Quorum was established and the meeting began.

Apologies for Absences – Uma Kumaran MP, Barry Gardiner MP, Lord Goldsmith, Lord Randall, Anna Gelderd MP

Purpose of the Group – ***The purpose of the APPG on Global Deforestation is to provide a forum for advocacy and discussion on global deforestation and deforestation-linked human rights abuses, ensuring these issues remain firmly on the parliamentary agenda.***

The purpose of the Group was agreed unanimously.

Annual Report and Financial Statement

The Annual Report and Financial Statement were presented to the Group.

- *Decision: Approved unanimously*
- *Recorded vote: All members present were in favour (“aye”)*

Election of Officers, Secretariat and Recognition of Members

Chair

- Alex Sobel MP was nominated and elected as Chair.

Officers

The following officers were nominated and elected:

- Pippa Heylings MP – Co-Chair
- Lord Randall – Officer
- Baroness Boycott – Officer

All appointments were approved unanimously (“aye”)

Members of the APPP

The following were recognised as members of the APPG:

- Pippa Heylings MP
- Alex Sobel MP
- Lord Randall
- Baroness Boycott
- Lord Grayling
- Uma Kumaran MP
- Baroness Sheehan
- David Taylor MP
- Barry Gardiner MP
- Lord Goldsmith
- Baroness Northover MP
- Laura Kyrke-Smith MP
- Alex Ballinger MP
- Ruth Jones MP
- Wera Hobhouse MP
- Bambos Charalambous MP
- Dr Ellie Chowns MP
- Yasmin Qureshi MP
- Fabian Hamilton MP
- Chris Murray MP
- Sean Woodcock MP
- Chris Law MP
- Jessica Toale MP
- Olivia Blake MP
- Johanna Baxter MP
- Claire Young
- Toby Perkins MP

- Charlie Maynard MP

NGO Forest Coalition as Secretariat

Members also unanimously approved the continuation of the NGO Forest Coalition remaining Secretariat to the APPG on Global Deforestation (“aye”)

Income and Expenditure Statements

Members unanimously agreed to the Income and Expenditure Statements (“aye”).

Due Diligence and

Members unanimously agreed to the due diligence statement (“aye”).

Future Events and Priorities

- The Group agreed to confirm upcoming meetings in the coming weeks.
- Future priorities and planned activities for the APPG on Global Deforestation will be discussed at forthcoming meetings.

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