



The All-Party Parliamentary Group on  
**Electric Vehicles**

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### **Annual General Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 14:30 - Minutes**

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Committee Room Q, Portcullis House, SW1A, London

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#### **Attendees**

- Matt Western MP(Lab)
- Jamie Sweeney – Office of Matt Western MP
- Mark Pawsey MP (Con)
- Alex Sobel MP (Lab)
- Sharon Hodgson (Lab)
- Jack Mayorcas – Office of Sharon Hodgson MP
- Jessica Morden (Lab)
- Baroness Randerson (Lib Dem)
- Hayley Allen, REA (Secretariat)
- Daniel Brown, REA (Secretariat)

#### **Apologies:**

- Sir Greg Knight MP (Con)
- Andrew Selous MP (Con)
- Lord Teverson (Lib Dem)
- Dame Cheryl Gillan MP (Con)
- Sir Bernard Jenkin MP (Con)

#### **Welcome and apologies (Chaired by Matt Western MP) (14:35pm)**

#### **Election of Chair (14:35pm)**

Sharon Hodgson moved that Matt Western becomes Chair of the APPG on Electric Vehicles.

Mark Pawsey seconded the proposal.

A vote was held and Matt Western was unanimously elected as Chair of the APPG on Electric Vehicle.

Sharon Hodgson moved for the election of the following Vice Chairs of the APPG on Electric Vehicles:

- Andrew Selous MP (Con)
- Alex Sobel MP (Lab)

- Sharon Hodgson MP (Lab)
- Dame Cheryl Gillan MP (Con)
- Anna McMorrin MP (Lab)
- Lord Teverson (Lib Dem)
- Sir Bernard Jenkin (Con)

Mark Pawsey seconded the proposal.

A vote was held and the Vice Chairs was unanimously elected as Chair of the APPG on Electric Vehicle.

### **Approval of income and expenditure statement (14:40pm)**

Matt Western moved that the income and expenditure statement be approved.

A vote was held and the Vice Chairs was unanimously elected as Chair of the APPG on Electric Vehicle.

### **Introduction and briefing of the upcoming year by Daniel Brown REA (secretariat) – (14:45pm)**

Introduction of whom the REA, the group's secretariat, are.

The findings of the Faraday Institute report and the EV Energy Taskforce report were briefly outlined.

Challenges around the speed of which EVs, in particular electric vans, were being manufactured were raised. Alex Sobel and Baroness Randerson agreed that this has become one of the biggest barriers to the uptake of EVs.

Ongoing developments regarding the EU Emissions Trading Systems and the implications this would have on incentivising EV manufacturing was briefly discussed.

There was a brief discussion on the new models to be revealed over the next year including more affordable EVs.

The upcoming building regulations consultation and its inclusion of home charge points were briefly outlined.

The upcoming EAV Bill and the opportunities to influence via the spending review and the budget were discussed.

### **Discussion of future 2019/2020 activities (14:55pm)**

Mark Pawsey highlighted the lack of consistency and the incompatibility between connectors. It was suggested that the APPG works to ensure international consistency when it comes to EV chargers. Baroness Randerson claimed that this should feature in the EAV Bill but may be diluted as the Bill progresses. Alex Sobel suggested collaborating with existing international negotiations which would see connector consistency added into the COP26 agreement. Baroness Randerson suggested that if the international standard does not progress that the group should at the least call for national standards.

Mark Pawsey proposed a visit to the opening of a new motorway service station in which he was involved in increasing the number of EV chargers from two to twenty four.

Alex Sobel informed the group that the APPG on Net Zero, in which he is a co-chair, is planning an international visit programme for delegates of COP26 and that he would like the APPG on EVs to get involved. Alex Sobel asked whether the group would discuss anxiety over rare metal and how to develop batteries in other ways. Daniel Brown noted that the Government and the Faraday Institute were also interested in this.

Daniel Brown proposed spending the next three months preparing for the EAV Bill then looking at battery sourcing, jobs in the industry and gigafactories.

Alex Sobel asked whether electric planes were within the APPG's remit following comments made by Secretary of State Grant Shapps at the Queen's Speech Debate. The group decided that whilst it was on the outer ring of the groups interests, there were more pressing matters to address over the next 12 months.

Mark Pawsey proposed inviting representatives of manufacturers in the UK to understand the challenges facing established manufacturers. Matt Western agreed and suggested inviting Nissan and Mini Cooper as they had sold on their battery plant and ship batteries from abroad respectively.

Matt Western suggested a group visit to the new Aston Martin factory as a tool to recruit new members to the group. Daniel Brown suggested inviting members of the group and perspective members to Fully Charged Live on the 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> May and to the ITT Hub event in June.

Baroness Randerson proposed the group addresses availability of commercial fleets following an experience with Royal Mail in which they wanted to convert to electric fleets but were unable to do so due to a lack of the model required.

It is agreed that the first quarter of the year should be spent briefing MPs on the findings of the EV Energy Taskforce report and preparing for the EAV Bill. It was agreed that the briefing events should be open to only parliamentarians and those involved in writing of the report.

#### **AOB (15:10pm)**

Matt Western thanked all for attending and closed the meeting with there being no other business to discuss.

#### **Event concluded (15:15pm)**

Please send questions or comments to Hayley Allen at the REA – [hallen@r-e-a.net](mailto:hallen@r-e-a.net) or call 020 7981 0862.

Minutes produced by the REA, the group's secretariat.