



All-Party Parliamentary Group on Electric and Automated Vehicles

Annual General Meeting 4th March 2019 at 15:00 - Minutes

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Committee Room 21, Palace of Westminster, SW1A, London

Attendees

- Rebecca Pow MP (Con)
- Mark Pawsey MP (Con)
- Alex Sobel MP (Lab)
- Stephen Metcalf MP(Con)
- Andrew McLean (On behalf of Baroness Worthington)
- Matt Western MP(Lab)
- Baroness Randerson (Lib Dem)
- Fiona Thomas (On behalf of Anna McMorrin - Lab)
- Alex Samuels (On behalf of Sharon Hodgson - Lab)
- Jack Davies, Parliamentary Researcher to Rebecca Pow MP
- Daniel Brown, Renewable Energy Association (Secretariat)
- Hayley Allen, Renewable Energy Association (Secretariat)

Apologies:

- Baroness Ros Altman MP (Con)
- Ian Austin MP (Independent)
- Andrew Selous MP (Con)
- Edward Davey MP (Lib Dem)
- Lord Teverson MP (Lib Dem)
- Baroness Deech MP (Independent)
- Rachel Reeves MP (Labour)
- Dame Cheryl Gillan MP (Con)
- Andrea Jenkyns MP (Con)
- Andrew Selous MP (Con)

Welcome and apologies (Daniel Brown on behalf of Dame Cheryl Gillan MP) (15:15pm)

Introduction and review of the previous year by Daniel Brown REA (secretariat) – (15:20pm)

- A review of previous events: *The global pace of change in electric vehicles* Panel Event, *Tackling grid-related barriers to the mass adoption of electric vehicles* Panel Event and the *Summer reception for the APPG on Electric and Automated Vehicles*

Policies update from Daniel Brown REA (secretariat) – (15:20pm)

Three key things to be aware of for 2019:

- The future of manufacturing of batteries and EVs in the UK. Proposals considering a joint £1.7bn factory to build electric batteries for Britain's biggest car makers could change the future of car manufacturing in the UK. The issue of electric vehicle availability and manufacturing in the UK is likely to be an emerging 2019 theme.
- The transition towards smart charging and the progress of the Government's EV Energy Taskforce will be increasingly discussed, particularly once the Taskforce reports in the summer and secondary legislation stemming from the Automated and Electric Vehicles Act is released.
- The interoperability of public (and to a certain extent domestic) charge point networks. Some of this is following on from a the 'Wiggin Bill' raised by Bill Wiggins MP and a recent [report from the REA](#). Other issues with public and domestic charging networks will could also arise in 2019, including grid and installation issues.

Election of Chair (15:25pm)

Matt Western MP moves that Rebecca Pow MP becomes the new Chair for the APPG on Electric and Automated Vehicles. Motion seconded and carried.

Election of Chair & Officers (15.30pm)

Rebecca Pow MP moves to approve the following Officers:

- Rt Hon Dame Cheryl Gillan MP (Con)
- Sharon Hodgson MP (Lab)
- Ian Austin MP (Independent)
- Andrew Selous MP (Con)
- Lord Teverson (Lib Dem)
- Anna McMorrin MP (Lab)
- Bernard Jenkins MP (Con)
- Alex Sobel MP (Lab)
- Matt Western MP (Lab)

Motion carried.

Review of financial information (15:35pm)

Rebecca Pow MP moves to approve income and expenditure statement for 2017/18 as proposed (carried). The income and expenditure statement [can be found here](#).

Agreement that the REA should carry on as the group's secretariat.

Proposition to change the APPG's name (15:40pm)

Rebecca Pow MP moves to change the name of the APPG from APPG on Electric and Automated Vehicles to APPG on Electric Vehicles.

Stephen Metcalf MP and Alex Sobel MP raised the issue of artificial intelligence requesting this aspect of Automated Vehicles to be carried over in the group's scope if the name is to be changed.

Rebecca Pow MP assured attendees that numerous aspects of the Automated Vehicle industry will still be considered under the new title. The name change was in order to focus primarily on Electric Vehicles and fully utilise existing members' and the secretariat's skill sets.

Discussion on final wording of the description of the group.

Motion carried.

Discussion of 2019 activities (15:45pm)

- Discussion on the first event of the year on Price Caps and Plunge Tariffs
- Discussions on potential future events considering: the use of hydrogen, Artificial Intelligence in Electric Vehicles, the electrification of vans and fleets, the barriers to infrastructure locally and nationally and charging in work spaces.
- Discussions on ad hoc events including a potential trip to the London Electric Vehicle Company in Rugby.
- Discussions on whether the APPG would like to be more involved in building regulations and the installation of Electric Vehicle charging points in all new homes. It was agreed that the APPG will wait until the anticipated consultation in early spring to plan their next moves.

AOB (15:55pm)

Event concluded (15:55pm)

Please send questions or comments to Hayley Allen at the Renewable Energy Association – hallen@r-e-a.net or call 020 7981 0862.

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