

Cross-Party Group on Sustainable Transport - AGM

Wednesday 25 January 2023, 13:00, online

Draft Minute

Present

MSPs

Brian Whittle MSP
Graham Simpson MSP (chairing)
John Mason MSP
Mark Ruskell MSP

Invited guests

None

Non-MSP Group Members

Colin Howden, Transform Scotland
Elspeth Wray, Transform Scotland
Josh Hill, Office of Graham Simpson MSP
Matthew Ledbury, CoMoUK
Ros Browning, Transform Scotland

Apologies

Jenni Minto MSP
Sarah Boyack MSP
Miles Briggs MSP

Introductions & apologies

Graham Simpson MSP welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies listed above.

Annual Return

Colin Howden presented the Annual Return for the CPG, which the members were happy to accept.

ACTION: review Annual Return (Graham Simpson MSP)

ACTION: submit Annual Return to parliament (Graham Simpson MSP)

Election of officebearers

Graham Simpson MSP was proposed as Convenor.

John Mason MSP was proposed as Vice-Convenor.

Mark Ruskell MSP was proposed as Vice-Convenor.

Sarah Boyack MSP was proposed as Vice-Convenor, assuming in her absence that she would be happy to continue in this role.

DECISION: Graham Simpson MSP, John Mason MSP and Mark Ruskell MSP were appointed as office bearers of the CPG.

ACTION: check with Sarah Boyack MSP to see whether she is willing to continue as a Vice-Convenor (Graham Simpson MSP)

Membership

The following organisations were proposed for membership of the CPG:

Community Rail Network
Enterprise Holdings
Intelligent Health
ScotRail
Scottish Canals
Siemens Mobility Ltd
Transport Research Institute

DECISION: approve CPG membership for the above listed organisations.

Secretariat role of Transform Scotland

Transform Scotland has approached several large transport companies to secure funding to cover the costs of running the secretariat of the CPG. One large transport company has committed partial funding. Transform Scotland will continue to seek the remaining funding required. The CPG noted the importance of ensuring that the work and priorities of the CPG is decided by the CPG and not by commercial funders.

The CPG agreed that Transform Scotland should continue its role as CPG Secretariat to a similar exercise as carried out in 2022, around the theme of the decarbonisation of public transport.

ACTION: update the Convenor of the CPG on results of funding negotiations (Colin Howden)

DECISION: Transform Scotland to continue as Secretariat for the current year.

AOB

Mark Ruskell MSP expressed his thanks to Graham Simpson MSP and his office for the smooth running of the CPG meetings, and commended the report and work of the CPG in 2022. This was agreed by the other MSPs present.

It was agreed that the next series of meeting will include an in-person component alongside online meetings. Several other CPGs are now doing hybrid meetings, so this is now possible at the Parliament.

Shared transport was discussed as a potential item of interest for future meetings of the CPG.

DECISION: have a mixture of in-person and online meetings of the CPG during the coming year.

Close of meeting

The chair closed at the meeting at 13:30.

Minutes

Draft minutes prepared by Elspeth Wray on 25/01/23.