

**APPG on Smoking and Health
AGM Minutes
Committee Room 18
2-3pm July 3rd 2012**

Present (parliamentarians):

Kevin Barron MP, Bob Blackman MP, Pat Glass MP, Ian Mearns MP, Stephen Williams MP, Baroness O’Cathain, Lord Faulkner, Lord Ribeiro, Lord Rea, Lord Rennard, Viscount Simon.

Others: Deborah Arnott, ASH; Martin Dockrell, ASH; Jonathan Finney, BHF; Ian Gray MBE, CIEH; Christopher Lowry, ASH; Debbie Millward, ASH; Oyodeji Olaniyi, CIEH; Tova Turkel, BLF; Laura Williams, CRUK.

Election of Officers

Stephen Williams was elected as Chair

Bob Blackman was elected as Secretary

Ian Mearns was elected as Treasurer

The following were elected as Vice-Chairs:

Kevin Barron
Baroness Finlay
Baroness O’Cathain
Lord Patel
Lord Rennard
John Robertson

Administrative support to the Group

It was agreed that Action on Smoking and Health should continue to provide administrative support to the group.

The formal business of the AGM was followed up with a discussion of the latest developments in tobacco policy including an update on the Smoking in Private Vehicles Bill by Lord Ribeiro, plain packaging and tobacco industry tactics.

1. Smoking in Private Vehicles Bill (HoL)

Lord Ribeiro reported on the second reading of his bill to prohibit smoking in cars with children. There were 9 speakers all supportive. The bill now moves to committee stage and his hope was it would pass through committee stage before recess.

Action
Deborah Arnott to contact Alex Cunningham with respect to involving Lord Ribeiro in his meeting with the Public Health Minister in the Autumn on smoking in private vehicles.

2. Plain packaging

Stephen Williams informed the APPG that he has complained to DODS regarding the plain packaging advert in the House Magazine and warned members to expect more from the tobacco industry in the coming months.

Action
ASH agreed to ask its legal adviser to give an opinion on whether the advertisement contravened the context of the Tobacco Advertising and Promotions Act
Stephen Williams is meeting with Unite the Union and requested that a Labour MP/officer from the APPG also attends (Kevin Barron offered to do so)
ASH agreed to draft a letter to all the major supermarkets from the APPG on Smoking and Health requesting the removal of tobacco displays in their small stores and supermarket garages.

3. Illicit trade inquiry

Stephen Williams suggested that an APPG Inquiry into illicit trade would be useful to look at how the illicit trade has evolved and address the issue of illicit trade and plain packaging.

Deborah Arnott from ASH suggested that it would be helpful to hold the inquiry shortly after the Illicit Trade Protocol goes to the Conference of the Parties in November.

Action
APPG members to enter the ballot for the Attlee room for dates in November TBC.
ASH will organise the Inquiry and report

4. AOB

Action
Kevin Barron suggested writing to the SoS for Health about the Tobacco Products Directive and it was agreed that ASH would draft the letter to be signed by officers of the APPG.
NICE is publishing draft guidance on Tobacco Harm Reduction in October 2012. The APPG agreed that it would be useful to hold a meeting for parliamentarians on this. ASH will organise.