



All-Party Parliamentary Group on Science and Technology in Agriculture

Notes of Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 25 May 2022 Room U, Portcullis House

In attendance:

Julian Sturdy MP
Tom Tugendhat MP
Baroness Hayman
Baroness Jones of Whitchurch
Lord Trees
Lord Carrington
Lord Rooker

1. Election of chair and officers

Julian Sturdy MP was re-elected as chair
Lord Cameron of Dillington, Baroness Jones of Whitchurch, Earl of Lindsay, Rt Hon Sir Robert Goodwill MP were re-elected as Vice-chairs.
Professor the Lord Trees was elected as a new Vice-chair.

2. Draft Income & Expenditure Statement

The draft income and expenditure statement (appendix 1) was approved.

3. Review of past meetings

Officers and members reviewed the list of past meetings (appendix 2).

4. Future meetings programme

Officers and members discussed prospective topics for future meetings.

5. Science for Sustainable Agriculture

Officers and members noted the launch and publication of a report by Science for Sustainable Agriculture, a new policy and communications platform.

Appendix 1

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

Name of group: All-Party Parliamentary Group on Science & Technology in Agriculture

Period covered by this statement: 11 February 2021 – 10 February 2022

Income and Expenditure

The group receives no direct income from membership subscriptions, monetary donations, trading income or interest and therefore incurred no direct expenditure over the course of the year.

Value of benefits in kind

Source	Description	Value £s	Received
Front Foot Communications Ltd	<p>Front Foot Communications Ltd provides the secretariat to the APPG: primarily this involves organising meetings, liaising and corresponding on behalf of the group, producing the group's annual report and maintaining the group's web-site.</p> <p>Front Foot Communications Ltd is paid by the following organisations to act as the APPG's secretariat: National Farmers Union, National Institute of Agricultural Botany; UK Flour Millers; Maltsters Association of Great Britain; British Society of Plant Breeders; Agricultural Biotechnology Council; CropLife UK; Agricultural Industries Confederation</p>	16,501 - 18,000	11/03/2021 – 10/03/2022

Appendix 2

APPGSTA Meetings Programme 2021-22

Nuffield Council on Bioethics report on gene editing in farmed animals - 26 April 2022

UK pulses - fostering innovation to unlock sustainability, healthy eating and climate change benefits - 16 March 2022

Defra Chief Scientific Adviser - Professor Gideon Henderson - 25 Jan 2022

Minister for Exports Mike Freer MP launches Agri-Tech exports initiative - 10 Jan 2022

Whatever happened to Sustainable Intensification? - 13 Sept 2021

The socio-economic contribution of plant breeding in the UK and EU: study - 25 June 2021

Rt Hon Greg Hands MP: Intl trade opportunities for the UK agri-tech sector – 27 Apr 2021

PM's Task Force on Innovation, Growth and Regulatory Reform
How can we use post-Brexit Regulatory Freedom to unleash UK Agri-Science Innovation?
Brainstorm with George Freeman MP - Monday 22 March

Future Meetings

Visit of US Grains Council – 5.00-6.00pm, 7 June 2022

US Cereals Alliance – policy requirements for sustainable intensification in the UK cereals sector - date tbc

MSD Animal Health – launch of a new report exploring how the UK can best utilise new technologies to improve productivity on Britain's livestock farms – Sept 2022 (date tbc)

UK-led innovation in barley (inc. potential reception with beer & whisky APPGs) – Oct/Nov 2022