

Sustainability Committee

Minutes (SC(3)-11-08)

Date: 22 May 2008

Time: 13:00 - 14:00

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Mike German (Temporary Chair), South Wales East

Lorraine Barrett, Cardiff South and Penarth

Alun Davies, Mid and West Wales

Lesley Griffiths, Wrexham

Nerys Evans, Mid and West Wales

Darren Millar, Clwyd West

Leanne Wood, South Wales Central

Committee Service

Virginia Hawkins, Clerk

Annette Stafford, Deputy Clerk

Others in attendance

Jane Milne, Director of Business Environment, British Retail Consortium

Richard Swannell, Director of Retail and Organics Programme, Waste and Resources Action Programme

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mick Bates, Alun Ffred Jones, Karen Sinclair, and Brynle Williams. Mike German substituted for Mick Bates and Nerys Evans for Alun Ffred Jones. The Chair proposed to write a letter of good wishes to Karen Sinclair on the Committee's behalf and this was agreed.

2: Consideration of petition P-03-063, calling for a ban on plastic bags (13:05 - 14:00)

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2.1 The Chair welcomed to the meeting Jane Milne from the British Retail Consortium and Richard Swannell from the Waste and Resources Action Programme and invited them to introduce their written submissions. Members questioned the witnesses.

2.2 At the close of the meeting it was agreed that the Chair could write to the witnesses with any additional questions.

2.2 The Chair advised Committee members that the proposed visit to Dublin to take evidence on the impact of the Government action there on plastic bags, was scheduled for 14 July.