

SENEDD CYMRU : WELSH PARLIAMENT
GRWP GROES BLEIDIOL AR GWRW A'R DAFARN CROSS PARTY GROUP ON BEER AND THE PUB

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol 2023 : Annual General Meeting 2023
9 Chwefror 2023 : 9 February 2023

The AGM was held by Zoom.

Members present:

Jack Sargeant (Chair) Mike Hedges, Mark Isherwood.

Members' apologies:

Alun Davies, Llyr Gruffydd, Rhys ab Owen, Joel James, Sam Rowlands, Sam Kurtz, Peredur Owen Griffiths, Carolyn Thomas.

In attendance:

John Pockett (Secretary to the CPG during the Fifth Senedd/Assembly).

Jack Sargeant welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed that notice of the AGM had been properly given.

Election of chair:

Jack Sargeant, proposed by Mark Isherwood and seconded by Mike Hedges, was the only nomination and was duly confirmed.

Election of Vice-Chairs:

The Chair again proposed that the role of Vice-Chair be shared amongst members from each party grouping to ensure full cross-party involvement. This was accepted and members would be canvassed for their interest. This was accepted.

Election of Secretary:

John Pockett, proposed by Mark Isherwood and seconded by Mike Hedges, was the only nomination and he was duly elected.

Minutes of the last AGM had been available on the CPG web page since January 2022.

The Chair outlined the success of the beer tasting event held in October with very good interest from both members and brewers from different parts of Wales. The Economy Minister, Vaughan Gething MS addressed the event. Further plans include a brewery visit and, potentially, an end of term dinner. The group will be kept fully informed on these plans.

The close working relationship with the Westminster Beer and Pub APPG will continue under the new secretaryship of Rita King who has taken over from Paul Hegarty who has retired.

AOB:

The issue of the proposed DRS was raised by Barry Watts of SIBA. This is due to be introduced in Scotland in August this year, with Wales due to follow during 2025. Barry referred to the problems that had emerged in Scotland, and, in the ensuing discussion, it was decided to have a special meeting of the CPG to deal solely with DRS. The chair and secretary will liaise and bring forward date(s).

The next meeting of the CPG will be the DRS discussion.

Proceedings closed at 1240.

JACK SARGEANT AS : MS

JOHN POCKETT

Cadeirydd : Chair

Ysgrifennydd : Secretary