

SENEDD CYMRU : WELSH PARLIAMENT

Grwp Groes-Bleidiol ar Gwrw a'r Dafarn : Cross Party Group on Beer and the Pub

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Meetings have continued to be held virtually, with upwards of twenty attendees, including a significant number of MSs.

The highlight of the year was the Breweries of Wales Beer Tasting in November, with brewers from all over Wales displaying some of their products which were available for tasting. The event, which included thirteen MSs, was addressed by Economy Minister Vaughan Gething who praised the contribution made by the brewing and hospitality industry to Wales. A subsequent meeting with the Minister was held, attended by the Chair of the CPG.

The AGM was held in February, when the officers were re-elected. The brewery visit planned for the summer was postponed due to lack of availability of MSs and plans are now in hand to reschedule this.

The proposed Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) still causes concern for the entire industry, and the CPG, noting that its introduction in Scotland was postponed, has voiced its own concerns to the Minister and to MSs. The May meeting of the Group was addressed by Craig Hoy MSP, Chair of the Scottish Parliament's CPG on Beer. This issue is firmly on the agenda of our CPG.

Oliver Robinson offered to welcome MSs and other members of the Group to their pubs in north Wales.

We wish to put on record our thanks to the Welsh Beer Cluster under Cen Hayward, the APPG at Westminster especially its new secretary Rita King, and SIBA through Barry Watts, for their great support and help in all of the CPG's activities.

There are no financial matters to report as the CPG has not received any contributions, sponsorship or other monetary assistance.

**JACK SARGEANT
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