# cid:image002.jpg@01D6E814.47610960APPG on Microplastics - Inaugural meeting

Tuesday 19 November 2024, 4pm, Room O, Portcullis House

Minutes

## Attendees:

Alberto Costa MP

Deirdre Costigan MP

Ruth Jones MP

Baroness Gloria Hooper

Baroness Llin Golding

Aanchal Mann – APPG Secretariat (The WI)

Davide Moruzzi – Office of Alberto Costa MP

## Welcome and Introductions:

Alberto Costa MP welcomed attendees to the inaugural meeting for the APPG for Microplastics and gave an overview of the aims of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics.

## Election of officers:

Alberto Costa MP was elected as Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics.

Deirdre Costigan MP was elected as Officer of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics.

John McDonnell MP was elected as Officer of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics

Lord Brennan was elected as Officer of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics

## Short introduction to the Women’s Institute as secretariat:

Aanchal Mann thanked Members for attending, thanked Alberto Costa MP for continuing to Chair the APPG and provided an overview of the WI’s campaign work on the issue.

## Updates and Plans for Next Year:

Alberto Costa MP has introduced the Microplastic Filters (Washing Machines) Bill, with the second reading scheduled for Friday 7th March.

## Any Other Business:

Ruth Jones MP enquired about writing to the Secretary of State. Alberto Costa’s team will be writing to Steve Reed and asked for signatories to the letter on the issue of microplastic pollution. The letter will be drafted with the Women’s Institute in December and will invite the Minister to attend a meeting.

Baroness Hooper asked about any select committees that the APPG would be able to work with- Alberto responded that the issue affects a number of areas including business, agriculture and science, so will potentially involve a number of select committees.

Baroness Hooper inquired about the support of Dyson manufacturers.

It was proposed that the APPG could work with the Oceans APPG and Keep Britian Tidy APPG.

## Next steps:

Alberto Costa’s team and the WI will draft a letter to the Secretary of State Steve Reed on the issue.

Alberto Costa’s team to email Chairs of relevant select committees to see if they are working on microplastics.

It was noted that the AGM will be held around May 2025, and further details will be circulated in due course.

It was proposed that WIs could also write to their MP on this issue.