



**BRITISH COFFEE
ASSOCIATION**

Board Meeting Executive Director's Report

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All-Party Parliamentary Group



Currently being looked into while membership is being confirmed:

- APPG Logos
- Website
- Programme design
- Events / visits
- Guest Speakers (more info in following slides)

- As Committee members know, we are working with the SSA and UKTIA to establish an All-Party Parliamentary Group covering the coffee, tea & spices industries.
- This work is progressing well. To establish the group, we needed four officers – of whom we needed at least one peer, one Conservative MP and one Labour MP.
- Since we sent out invites, we have received many enquiries and (so far) eleven confirmations.
- Details of the membership so far can be found on the following slides.
- Whilst we have a main opposition party (Labour) MP, they wish to join as a regular member rather than officer, so we are continuing the search for a Labour officer.
- As soon as one is confirmed, the APPG will be formed and a programme of events for 2024 set out. We expect a Labour MP to come on board soon.
- BCA, UKTIA & SSA to fill the APPG Secretariat functions, in co-ordination with the Chair's office. We will use the BCA Communications Cttee as a forum to discuss BCA's APPG aims.

APPG Membership



Sir Bill Wiggin MP

- *Conservative Member of Parliament for North Herefordshire.*
- *Former Shadow Minister for Agriculture.*



Lord Udny-Lister

- *Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, 2019-21.*
- *Former Non-Executive Director at Foreign Office.*



Lord Tyrie

- *Former Chair of the Competition & Markets Authority, 2018-20.*
- *Former Member of Parliament & Chair of the Treasury Select Committee. Sits as an Independent.*



Damien Moore MP

- *Conservative Member of Parliament for Southport.*
- *Former Defra PPS & Chair of several APPGs.*

APPG Membership



Jason McCartney MP

- *Conservative Member of Parliament for Colne Valley.*
- *Self-proclaimed coffee lover & constituency covers Bewleys.*



Steve Tuckwell MP

- *Conservative Member of Parliament for Uxbridge & South Ruslip.*
- *His constituency covers Lavazza's UK offices.*



Neil Coyle MP

- *Labour Member of Parliament for Bermondsey & Old Southwark.*
- *Former Chair of the Wine & Spirits APPG*
- *Constituency covers DRWakefield, OCR Commodities, TRC Speciality Coffee, Origin Commodities*



Lord Alderdice

- *Liberal Democrat Member of the House of Lords.*
- *Former Speaker of the NI Assembly*

APPG Membership



Martyn Day MP

- *SNP Member of Parliament in Scotland.*
- *Officer of the 'Fair Value in the Food Supply Chain APPG'.*



Lisa Cameron MP

- *Conservative (former SNP) Member of Parliament in Scotland.*
- *Former Chair of the Chile APPG.*
- *Current Vice-Chair of Latin America APPG & Peru APPG.*



Lord Naseby

- *Former Member of Parliament*
- *Was brought onboard by UKTIA due to Sri Lanka & India APPG ties.*

For future meetings:

- Following our inaugural meeting, which will formally establish the APPG, we will put together a programme of events for 2024.
- From our conversations, both the **Farming Minister Mark Spencer**, and the **Food & Drink APPG Chairman John Stevenson** have offered to speak.
- Our meetings and events can bring together businesses, origins (via embassies) and third sector organisations. We can also join up with other APPGs.
- If Members have any specific event or topic suggestions, please let us know!



Parliamentary Drop-In Event

- The Parliamentary Drop-In event has unfortunately been postponed to 10th April 2024, due to the prorogation of parliament in late October.
- At very short notice, Parliament ceased to sit between 26/10 – 7/11. All those organisations (such as BCA) who had events scheduled between these dates have now been re-booked for early next year.
- Whilst the month has changed, we are still in the prime slot – 1pm to 3pm on a Wednesday, post-PMQs.
- BCA's constituency MP, Robert Courts, is sponsoring the event and will be present throughout. We will link the Drop-In with our APPG activity.
- As previously mentioned, we will aim to make this an annual event, with a different range of businesses each year.

Association's Update

- Engagement continues with NCA/ SCTA/ ECF/ Sintercafe & Cecafe
 - Coordinating messaging on horizontal issues such as deforestation
 - Promoting industry views through ICO, WCPF
 - Building on new ICO structure
 - Challenges & Opportunities - BCA role – 2024
 - Taking agenda forward – building resilience
 - Additional work areas?



Deforestation – UK & EU

- Focus on EU implementation timetable – what is still needed and what is level of preparation across producing countries
- What scope might there be for a longer implementation timetable
- ECF still working on EUSPA approach – can we standardise information verification – rash of third-party options
- UK – still on verge of next stage in development – guidance or secondary legislation
- How do we work with rest of sector – through to retail?

EnviroScore Labelling

- IGD project – harmonised UK scheme
- Currently 4 main indicators
 - Climate Change, Water Use, Water quality & Land Use
- **Virtual Reality trials:** 2 rounds undertaken – focus on how labelling works against existing label requirements
- **Defra Food Data Transparency Partnership:** to what extent will IGD project inform Defra approach in 2024?
- **Delivering consumer information:** Basis for information still causing concern. For coffee more appropriate that it is per serving rather than per 100g
- **Data Quality:** Concern at use of average rather than product specific data – need to avoid trade barriers – will ECF PEF project help going forward?



Packaging & Packaging Waste

- EU review process of PPWR moving to final stages
- Single serve units falling under definition of packaging
- Potential for both recycling & composting options (home & commercial)
- Difficulties of delivering a single EU wide approach
- For UK, capsules remain outside packaging scope
- Position paper awaiting final sign-off to establish BCA view

Technical & Regulatory Review

○ **Glyphosate**

- Re-registration now going ahead at EU level, MRL review still ongoing
- UK MRL review ongoing – no timetable
- UK re-registration due by Dec '25

○ **Contaminants**

- UK data call on Acrylamide imminent – coffee values unchanged?
- Recent report on Furans – significant reduction level through processing

○ **Mineral Hydrocarbons**

- Remaining concern on MOAH – jute bag manufacturing – ECF project?

○ **Dichloromethane (DCM)**

- Proposed review – carcinogenic & mutagenic – outcome in 1-2 years?
- Focus on worker exposure – not finished product health concern

Contracts & Arbitration

- June Arbitration Seminar – workshop for existing arbitrators
- Development of training programme for incoming arbitrators
- Assistance to ECF Contracts webinar (over 250 participants)
- Contributions to UK Govt review of Arbitration Act – points recognised
- Looking to 2024 – potential review of ESCC.