



ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY BEER GROUP

2025 Annual General Meeting
2.00pm Tuesday 21 October 2025
Room W2, Westminster Hall

MINUTES

Those participating:

Sir Jeremy Wright MP (External Chair)
Tonia Antoniazzi MP (Chair)
Greg Smith MP (Vice Chair)
Andrew Snowden MP (Vice Chair)
Pete Wishart MP (Vice Chair)
Jacob Collier MP
Lord Davies of Gower
Lord Dholakia
Clive Efford MP
Lord Evans of Rainow
Gill German MP
Andrew Ranger MP
Jamie Stone MP
Adam Thompson MP
Mike Wood MP

In attendance:

Rita King (Honorary Secretary)

- 1 Sir Jeremy Wright MP took the Chair and welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for absence had been received from:

Lord Foulkes of Cumnock
Zoe Franklin MP
Rt Hon Roger Gale MP
Mary Glendon MP
Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town
Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP

- 2 **Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting 2024**

The minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Group held on Monday 29th July 2024 were approved by the Group.

There were no matters arising.

Honorary Secretary: Rita King

3 **Election of the Executive Committee of the Group to serve until the next Annual General Meeting.**

The following Officers were appointed:

Chair	Tonia Antoniazzi MP	Labour
Vice Chairs	Greg Smith MP	Conservative
	Andrew Snowden MP	Conservative
	Pete Wishart MP	SNP

4. **Approval of Income and Expenditure Statement**

The Group approved the Income and Expenditure Statement which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

5 **Annual Report**

The Group noted the Annual Report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The APPBG Chair thanked the Secretariat for organising a full programme over the last year. Highlights had included the Low and No Roundtable in January followed by a visit to The Lucky Saint pub, the PubAid Community Pub Hero Awards in March, and the Annual Beer Awards Dinner in July. Any suggestions for activities during 2026 would be welcome.

The APPBG Chair noted that the planned visit to the Griffin Brewery in April had not taken place due to a lack of demand. She suggested that this be re-scheduled for next year.

The Annual Report was approved by the Group.

6 **All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group Report on How Brewing and Pubs Can Help Drive Economic Growth**

The APPBG Chair confirmed that the APPBG Report on how brewing and pubs can help drive economic growth had been published on 20th October. This was the end result of the Inquiry launched by the Group back in April. A total of 26 written submissions had been received, which was more than any other Inquiry held by the Group. Two oral evidence sessions had also been held in July.

The starting point for the Inquiry had been the omission of brewing and pubs, and wider hospitality, from the Industrial Strategy published earlier this year. The Report made ten recommendations on a number of issues, including business rate reform, NICs, the apprenticeships levy, taxation and the Hospitality Sector Council. Mike Wood MP asked if there were plans to promote the asks in the Report ahead of the Budget on 26th November. The APPBG Chair confirmed that she had written to the Chancellor of the Exchequer enclosing the Report, and support for her letter would be gratefully received. This had already been circulated to members. She would also be writing to Peter Kyle MP, Secretary of State for Business and Trade, to request a meeting with the Group to discuss the Report and the Industrial Strategy. There was also the opportunity to use the usual parliamentary levers, eg. Written and Oral PQs, Westminster Hall Debate, Adjournment Debate etc. to highlight the findings of the Report.

The Secretariat confirmed that the Report had been circulated to all members of the Group along with a template press release for use in their constituencies. At the request of the Group, it was also agreed to circulate a template letter which members could use to send the Report to their local pubs and breweries.

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7 Due Diligence Statement

The Secretariat confirmed that the Group did not receive any foreign Government funding. A due diligence statement to this effect had been produced and would be enclosed with the minutes of the meeting.

8 Any Other Business.

Jacob Collier MP highlighted a regeneration project in Burton-on-Trent in his constituency that included plans for a new National Brewery Heritage Centre, which would showcase the importance of brewing and pubs to the UK, and include heritage exhibits. He invited the APPBG Chair and Vice Chairs to visit Burton-on-Trent to hear more about the project.

Lord Evans of Rainow inquired whether it might be possible to introduce a guest beer programme for the Bishop's Bar in the House of Lords similar to that which operated in the Strangers' Bar. The Secretariat agreed to look into this and would discuss this further with Lord Evans.

Lord Dholakia noted that the Group had held a Reception at the recent Labour Party Conference in Liverpool and inquired if Receptions had been held at any other Conferences. The Secretariat confirmed that it was usual practice to hold a Reception for members at the Conferences of the three largest parties. This year, Receptions had taken place at the Liberal Democrat Party Conference in Bournemouth, the Labour Party Conference in Liverpool, and the Conservative Party Conference in Manchester.

Rita King, Honorary Secretary
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