

# Cross-Party Group on Beer and Pubs

4pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Minute

## Present

## MSPs

Craig Hoy MSP (Convener), Paul Sweeney MSP (Deputy Convener) John Mason MSP, Graham Simpson MSP, Maurice Golden MSP, Finlay Carson MSP, Liam Kerr MSP, Sharon Dowey MSP

## Non-MSP Group Members

Jamie Mackie, Simon Russell, Leon Thompson, Stuart Falconer, Steve Alton, Anne Toms, Jon Dale, Jon Wilkinson

## Apologies

Stephen Montgomery, Colin Smyth MSP

## Office Bearers

Craig Hoy MSP was re-elected as Convenor. Proposed Sharon Dowey, seconded Maurice Golden.

Paul Sweeney MSP was re-elected Deputy Convenor. Proposed Graham Simpson, seconded Sharon Dowey.

It was agreed that CAMRA, SIBA and the Beer Group would continue to provide the secretariat. Proposed Graham Simpson, seconded Craig Hoy.

## Update on activity in 2022

The Convener reported on activities carried out in 2022 which included a visit to Bellfield Brewery (March), an inquiry into the Scottish Deposit Return Scheme (Spring), a Parliamentary Pub Quiz (October) and a Parliamentary briefing by Matt Wilson of the Advertising Standards Authority (December).

## Planned activity in 2023

Rita King outlined the proposed activity for the Group in 2023 which includes a follow-up meeting on the DRS Inquiry with Lorna Slater, Minister for Green Skills,

Circular Economy and Biodiversity (January), a visit to Moonwake Beer Company in Leith (Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March), an Inquiry into the cumulative impact of regulation on breweries and pubs (Spring) and a Parliamentary Quiz (Autumn).

The Convener highlighted the “Brew with your MSP” scheme and encouraged members to visit breweries in their constituencies.

## **Any other business**

Any other business. There was no other business and the meeting closed at 16.17pm