**Fairtrade APPG**

**Minutes of Inaugural Meeting, 12th July 2017**

**In attendance:**

Holly Lynch MP

Gareth Snell MP

Stephen Doughty MP

Stephen Timms MP

Catherine McKinnell MP

Stella Creasy MP

Earl of Sandwich

**In attendance but not voting:**

Helen Dennis, Fairtrade Foundation (Secretariat)

Michael Gidney, Fairtrade Foundation

Tim Aldred, Fairtrade Foundation

**The following people were present for the photo drop-in and briefing, but not for official business:**

Will Quince MP

Virendra Sharma MP

Jeff Smith MP

Baroness Burt

Roger Gale MP

David Hanson MP

Gerard Killen MP

Mark Tami MP

Graham Jones MP

Carolyn Harris MP

Rupa Huq MP

Wendy Morton MP

Stuart McDonald MP

Martyn Day MP

Jenny Chapman MP

Richard Burden MP

Bill Esterson MP

Thelma Walker MP

Lord Crickhowell

Carolyn Harris MP

Gareth Thomas MP

**Apologies:**

Roger Godsiff MP

Caroline Lucas MP

Jamie Stone MP

David Drew MP

Hywel Williams MP

Cat Smith MP

Maggie Throup MP

Mary Creagh MP

Sam Gyimah MP

Sajid Javid MP

Kevin Hollinrake MP

James Duddridge MP

Frank Field MP

Laura Pidcock MP

Tom Brake MP

Andrew Mitchell MP

Bin Afolami MP

Martyn Day MP

Deirdre Brock MP

Lord Inglewood

Lord Grade

Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville

Lord Bishop of Norwich

Baroness Cumberlege

Archbishop of York

Lord Puttnam

Lord Digby Jones

Lord Paddy Ashdown

Lord Deben

Lord Bird

Lord Tebbit

Baroness Stedman-Scott

1. **Holly Lynch MP** welcomed colleagues to the meeting and thanked them for attending. She apologised for how quickly the meeting had been pulled together and also for the last minute room change. She explained that this was a really important moment for Fairtrade, especially given the changing relationship with Sainsbury’s. She noted that there was a lot of parliamentary interest in the issue and that the APPG was keen to do more on this, as well as looking at trade policy more widely in the context of Brexit.
2. **Helen Dennis** drew attention to the APPG Report which had been circulated to Members, covering the period Jan-May 2017. It was noted that an Income & Expenditure Statement was not required given that income/in-kind contributions from outside parliament were well under £12,500. However, the in-kind financial contribution from the Fairtrade Foundation is detailed in the APPG report. There are no assets or liabilities to accept from the last parliament.
3. **Election of Officers**. The following people were proposed as Officers by Stephen Timms MP:

Holly Lynch MP, Labour (Chair and Registered Contact)

Will Quince MP, Conservative (Co-Chair)

Stephen Doughty MP, Labour (Vice-Chair)

Gareth Snell MP, Labour (Vice-Chair)

Maggie Throup MP, Conservative (Vice-Chair)

Cat Smith MP, Labour (Vice-Chair)

Catherine McKinnell MP, Labour (Vice-Chair)

This was agreed unanimously.

1. **Future Work-Plan**

Holly Lynch MP will meet with Will Quince MP in due course, with support from the Secretariat, to develop a work-plan for the year ahead.

Stella Creasy MP suggested that the APPG could invite Sainsbury’s to present to the group and answer questions on their ‘fairly traded’ tea pilot.