

MINUTES - AGM & election of officers

14.00, Tuesday 12 July 2011
Committee Room 6, House of Commons

1. Introduction from John Stevenson MP

Mr Stevenson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Election of officers

The group's officers were elected as follows:

- John Stevenson (Chair)
- Russell Brown (Vice-Chair)
- Mark Spencer (Secretary)
- Lord Dykes (Treasurer)

3. Future meetings and topics for the group

Members were reminded of forthcoming meetings in September with the All Party Retail Group and SME dinner in November. Formal invitations to both events will be circulated in due course.

The group is hoping to hold a breakfast meeting at the Cinnamon Club on 7 February 2012 and it is hoped that the Chief Secretary to the Treasury Danny Alexander MP will agree to be the guest speaker. Numbers for this meeting would be limited to 40 to accommodate the private room.

The group agreed that meetings/events should follow a similar pattern to the previous year and that the format of holding events around meal times was most successful. There was also interest in another factory visit.

Proposed topics for future meetings included a follow up on the skills agenda. There was interest in holding a meeting to discuss food scares/health issues/food security, and how the industry deals with this.

It was suggested that we try to work with other All-Party Parliamentary Groups to help promote the profile of food and drink manufacturing within manufacturing circles, for example the Associate Parliamentary Manufacturing Group.

Meeting dates will be agreed as soon as possible and circulated to the group.

4. AOB

There was no other business

Mission Statement:

To consider the issues of concern to the food and drink manufacturing industry and to raise awareness of these matters in Parliament.

5. Close

Attendees:

John Stevenson MP (Chair)

Lord Dykes

Tom Greatrex MP

Nigel Mills MP

Mark Spencer MP

Heather Wheeler MP

Madeleine Burns – Office of Mark Spencer MP

Hannah Dolan – Office of John Stevenson MP

Selga Speakman-Brown (FDF Secretariat)