

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on the Circular Economy

Date Group Established (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

31st August 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

2nd November 2022

Date Annual Return Submitted

24th February 2023

Date of Preceding AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

31st August 2021

Group Meetings and Activities

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

31st August 2021: The inaugural meeting of the group. The main purpose of the meeting was to establish the group for this parliamentary session, elect office bearers, confirm the group membership and explore topics and speakers for discussion at future meetings.

9 MSPs and 7 non-MSPs were in attendance.

24th November 2021: Topics for discussion included themes for future meetings, an update on the Great British Beach Clean, waste and the circular economy and litter and flytipping.

3 MSPs and 21 non-MSPs were in attendance.

23rd February 2022: The topic for the meeting was food systems with policy context provided by the Good Food Nation Bill, the Circular Economy Bill and the Agriculture Bill. Presentations and discussion touched on issues, such as food production, food waste, natural capital, sustainable bioplastics, food redistribution and agriculture support.

4 MSPs and 25 non-MSPs were in attendance.

11th May 2022: The topic for the meeting was waste management. The Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity gave a presentation on waste management and Scottish Government policy followed by a Q&A session. Further presentations covered a range of waste management issues, such as the Circular Economy Bill, Waste Targets Route Map, extended producer responsibility, incineration and local authority waste management.

7 MSPs and 38 non-MSPs were in attendance.

2nd November 2022: The topic for the meeting was reuse & repair with presentations and discussion including issues, such as clothing and textiles, the role of social enterprises and tool libraries and procurement policy as it relates to the circular economy. This meeting also served as an AGM with the existing office bearers re-elected to their roles and new members adopted. Note: this meeting was originally scheduled for the 14th September but was postponed due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

3 MSPs and 49 non-MSPs were in attendance.

1st February 2022: The topic for the meeting was material footprints with presentations and discussion including issues, such as material flow accounts, circular economic policy in Austria, critical minerals and how businesses can support the fight against climate change.

5 MSPs and 33 non-MSPs were in attendance.

All meetings were held via Microsoft Teams.

MSP Members of The Group

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Maurice Golden MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)

Finlay Carson MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)

Liam Kerr MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)

Gillian Martin MSP (SNP)

Michelle Thomson MSP (SNP)

Monica Lennon MSP (Scottish Labour)

Sarah Boyack MSP (Scottish Labour)

Mark Ruskell MSP (Scottish Greens)

Non-MSP Members of The Group

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Anthony Burns (ACS Clothing)

Chris Hellawell (Edinburgh Tool Library)

John Ferguson (Binn Eco Park)

Nicki Souter (Resource Management Association Scotland)

Reeni Kennedy-Boyle (Fyne Futures)

Toni Freitas

	Paul Smith
Organisations	Scottish Environment LINK Fidra Keep Scotland Beautiful Marine Conservation Society Resource Futures Community Resource Network Scotland British Heart Foundation Scotland
<p>Group Office Bearers</p> <p>Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.</p>	
Convener	Maurice Golden MSP
Deputy Convener	Gillian Martin MSP Monica Lennon MSP Mark Ruskell MSP
Secretary	Phoebe Cochrane (Scottish Environment LINK) Catherine Gemmell (Marine Conservation Society) Kathryn Gill (Keep Scotland Beautiful) Catherine Gunby (Fidra)
Treasurer	Phoebe Cochrane (Scottish Environment LINK) Catherine Gemmell (Marine Conservation Society) Kathryn Gill (Keep Scotland Beautiful)

	Catherine Gunby (Fidra)
<p>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</p> <p>Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.</p>	
<p>Nil</p>	
<p>Convener Contact Details</p>	
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