



**The All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Leamside Line
Inaugural Annual General Meeting - Minutes**

Date: 10th May 2023

Time: 14:30

Venue: Room N, Portcullis House

Attendees:

Parliamentarians

Baroness Grey-Thompson, Baroness Quin, Catherine McKinnell (Newcastle upon Tyne North), Emma Lewell-Buck MP (South Tyneside), Ian Levy MP (Blyth Valley), Julie Elliott MP (Sunderland Central), Kate Osborne MP (Jarrow), Liz Twist MP (Blaydon), Lord McLoughlin, Lord Shipley, Mary Foy MP (City of Durham), Mary Glindon MP (North Tyneside), Peter Gibson MP (Darlington)

Observers

Andrew Pyle (56° North), Maria Herron (Sharon Hodgson's Office), Toby Hughes (Transport North East),

Secretariat — 56° North

1. Election of Co-Chairs

Sharon Hodgson MP (Labour, Washington and Sunderland West) and Paul Howell MP (Conservative, Sedgefield) were elected Co-Chairs of the APPG.

2. Election of Officers

Ian Levy MP (Blyth Valley), Peter Gibson MP (Darlington), Emma Lewell-Buck MP (South Tyneside), Mary Glindon MP (North Tyneside), Mary Foy MP (City of Durham), Julie Elliott MP (Sunderland Central), Liz Twist MP (Blaydon), Kate Osborne MP (Jarrow), Catherine McKinnell (Newcastle upon Tyne North), Baroness Quin, Baroness Grey-Thompson and Lord Shipley were duly elected as officers.

3. Introduction to the Leamside Line by Toby Hughes, Managing Director at Transport North East

4. AOB

Questions and discussion of APPG business:

- Members discussed the overall price and economic benefits of the Line
- Next steps for APPG were agreed:
 - APPG to write to Govt to invite for evidence and provide formal response to TNE business case funding request
 - Confirmed as three meetings per year

5. Meeting close